



White House Chief of Staff Rahm Emanuel, seen here in September 2010. The White House lavished praise on the leadership of hard-charging chief of staff Rahm Emanuel Thursday, on the eve of his planned departure to run for mayor of Chicago.

AP sources: Emanuel leaving White House on Friday

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CHICAGO – Rahm Emanuel will resign as White House chief of staff on Friday and will begin his campaign for Chicago mayor by meeting with voters in the city on Monday, two people familiar with Emanuel's plans said.

The two people, who spoke Thursday on condition of anonymity because they did not want to pre-empt Emanuel's announcement, said he will return to Chicago over the weekend and begin touring neighborhoods Monday.

"He intends to run for mayor," one of the people told The Associated Press.

Both people said they did not know when Emanuel would make an official announcement about his mayoral bid but that he would launch a website with a message to Chicago voters in the near future.

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Tony Curtis dies at 85

FILE - Actor Tony Curtis is shown in this 1965 file photo. Curtis, whose real name was Bernard Schwartz, was perhaps most known for his comedic turn in Billy Wilder's 'Some Like It Hot' with co-stars Marilyn Monroe and Jack Lemmon has died at 85 according to the Clark County, Nev. coroner.

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Fisher-Price recalls more than 11M kid products

This undated handout photo provided by the Consumer Products Safety Commission (CPSC) shows a Fisher-Price tricycle. Fisher-Price is recalling more than 10 million tricycles, toys and high chairs over safety concerns.

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NC Patrol: 4 people killed in wreck on wet road



A stranded motorist waits for the fire company ladder to be lowered to him off Pleasure Road near the Deerford development, Thursday, Sept. 30, 2010 in Lancaster, Pa. A series of storms moving through Pennsylvania brought flooding that closed some roadways and prompted many schools to dismiss classes early. Much of eastern Pennsylvania is under flood warnings as storms could bring as much as six inches of rain before leaving the area on Friday. The National Weather Service issued a tornado watch Thursday for counties stretching from Philadelphia west to York and north to Allentown.

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By TOM BREEN

TOM FOREMAN Jr.,

RALEIGH, N.C. — Four people, including two children, were killed Thursday when the sport utility vehicle they were

traveling in skidded off a rain-slicked highway and tumbled into a ditch filled with water, troopers said.

State Highway Patrol Trooper Gary Edwards said troopers

initially reported five people were killed because two children, 3-year-old twins, did not have a pulse when emergency workers arrived on scene.

The patrol said in a press release that one of the twins died later Thursday.

Edwards said the family of five from Atlanta was traveling westbound on U.S. 64 east of Creswell around 12:20 p.m. when their Jeep Cherokee hit a patch of standing water, hydroplaned and skidded off the highway into the ditch.

Creswell is approximately 145 miles east of Raleigh.

The four killed were identified as the driver, Daniel Alvarez, 25; his wife, Natalie Owens, 26; Zacharia Alvarez, 3; and Ariela Alvarez, 1. Zacharia's twin, Ezekiel, was taken to a hospital in Greenville, N.C.

The worst of the rain fell in North Carolina, where Jacksonville picked up 12 inches — nearly a quarter of its typical annual rainfall — in

the six hours between 3:30 and 9:30 a.m.

The rain was part of a system moving ahead of the remnants of Tropical Storm Nicole, which dissipated over the Straits of Florida on Wednesday. Much of the Mid-Atlantic and Northeast were starting to move into a drought after the dry summer, and the fall storm provided several inches of much-needed rain.

In Walpole, N.H., Erin Bickford said the deluge was a welcome sight for her eight acres of vegetables. She said she hoped the moisture also would recharge wells that went dry in the town.

"We had almost no rain at all. Often, we could see it raining across the river, but it didn't come here. It was just dust. Even if it did rain, it would be a tiny bit, maybe half an inch," she said.

Crews throughout the northeast worked to pull fallen leaves from storm drains. Schools in North Carolina were closed

and some farther north planned to cancel classes Friday so students wouldn't have to travel on flooded roads.

Josh Barnello, 12, took advantage of his day off to take a look at a pond that overflowed its banks in Carolina Beach.

"Someone was paddling a canoe down the street earlier," said Barnello, a budding meteorologist who used a wind speed gauge he got for Christmas to record gusts of 53 mph near his house.

Forecasters expected those heavy winds to spread up the coast, possibly toppling trees and power lines made unstable by the saturated ground.

The winds also were churning up big waves that were eating away at a "living shoreline" of rocks, sand and grasses built this year on the western shore of the Chesapeake Bay in Maryland, said Bob Gilbert from his waterfront home in Churchton, about 10 miles south of Annapolis. □

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Fisher-Price recalls more than 11M kid products



A recalled Fisher-Price children's trike is seen in a handout photo from the Consumer Product Safety Commission. Fisher-Price, a unit of toymaker Mattel Inc., will recall about 10 million toys in the U.S. and Canada due to injury hazards to kids, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission

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WASHINGTON — Fisher-Price is recalling more than 11 million tricycles, toys and high chairs over safety concerns. The Consumer Product Safety Commission said Thursday that the tricycles and high chairs were blamed for children's injuries. In the recall of about 7 million

Fisher-Price Trikes and Tough Trikes toddler tricycles, the agency is aware of 10 reports of children being hurt. Six of them required medical attention.

The trikes — some of which feature popular characters like Dora the Explorer and Barbie — have a protruding plastic ignition key near the seat that children can strike, sit on or

fall on, leading to injuries that the commission said can include genital bleeding. Fisher-Price is also recalling more than 1 million Healthy Care, Easy Clean and Close to Me High Chairs, after 14 reports of problems. The pegs on the back of the high chairs can be used to store the tray, but children can fall on them, resulting in cuts and other injuries. Seven children required stitches, the commission said.

CPSC Chairman Inez Tenenbaum said manufacturers need to do more to build safety into their products before they reach store shelves. But she also offered praise for Fisher-Price for "taking the right steps by agreeing to these recalls and offering consumers free repairs or replacement."

Most of the products were being recalled in the United States, but about 400,000 of them were sold in Canada. The two other Fisher-Price recalls were:

More than 2.8 million Baby Playzone Crawl & Cruise

Playground toys, Baby Playzone Crawl & Slide Arcade toys, Baby Gymtastics Play Wall toys, Ocean Wonders Kick & Crawl Aquarium toys, 1-2-3 Tetherball toys and Bat & Score Goal toys. The valve of the inflatable ball on the toys can come off and pose a choking hazard to children, said CPSC. The agency said there were more than 50 reports of the valves coming off the balls.

About 100,000 Fisher-Price Little People Wheelies Stand 'n Play Rampway toys. The wheels on the purple and green cars can come off, posing a choking hazard.

Fisher-Price, based in East Aurora, N.Y., is a unit of Mattel Inc. Consumers can visit the company's website at <http://www.service.mattel.com> for more information on the dates of sale and model numbers for the recalled products. □

Neb. gunman's family puzzled by hospital shootout

By JOSH FUNK,
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OMAHA, Neb. — Those who knew Jeff Layten say he was a good father and businessman who was comfortable hosting some of the pillars of Nebraska power at his hunting club.

They said nothing in the background of the 39-year-old father of two explains why he considered suicide and eventually fired at police at an Omaha hospital, wounding two officers before being gunned down.

As investigators on Thursday worked to piece together the final frantic hours that led to the fatal confrontation Wednesday at Creighton University Medical Center, friends and family of Layten were left wondering how his life took such a violent turn.

"If he was able to talk to us, we'd know a lot more," Layten's father-in-law, Bill Ulrich, said Thursday. He described Layten as a good businessman, marksman, loving father and "a hell of a man."

Ulrich, who lives in the Omaha suburb of La

Vista, said his family is doing well, but he asked for privacy as they mourn.

Layten owned the 360-acre Upland Fields Hunt Club near Tekamah, where he hosted prominent public officials and business leaders, including at least one congressman and senator. He also had at least four years of Army training, said Omaha attorney James Martin Davis, who considered Layten a friend. Layten had minor run-ins with the law for a hunting violation and writing a bad check, but no other criminal cases involving Layten appear in online court records from the past decade.

"I can't imagine Jeff Layten, in his right mind, would have pulled a firearm and shot at an Omaha police officer," Davis said.

Police say Layten's troubles began hours before the shootout, in Tekamah, about 40 miles north of Omaha. The Burt County Sheriff's Office says deputies were called to Layten's former home in Tekamah to investigate a domestic assault, but Layten's wife didn't report the assault until an hour after it happened. □

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U.S. President Barack Obama walks with Chief of Staff Rahm Emanuel towards Marine One on the South Lawn of the White House in Washington, in this file image from August 4, 2010. Obama will make a personnel announcement on October 1, 2010 a White House spokesman said on Thursday, when asked on Thursday whether White House Chief of Staff Emanuel is leaving to run for mayor of Chicago.

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White House spokesman Robert Gibbs said President Barack Obama plans to make a personnel announcement Friday.

Emanuel's plans have been

the source of widespread speculation both in Chicago and Washington, D.C. ever since Mayor Richard Daley announced this month he would not seek re-election. In an April television interview, Emanuel had called it "no

secret" he'd like to run for mayor. Daley, who has held the mayor's job since 1989 and carried on a family dynasty, surprised many with his announcement. The choice for Emanuel suddenly became whether he would make a dash for the political job he has openly coveted, at a cost of uprooting his family again and quitting his post of national influence sooner than he thought.

When he ultimately announces his candidacy, Emanuel instantly becomes the most recognizable name in what is already a crowded field of candidates and possible candidates. Already with well over \$1 million in his war chest and his well documented ability to raise huge amounts of money for political candidates around the country, Emanuel's campaign would be extremely well funded.

Other possible candidates include Cook County Sheriff Tom Dart, who has made a name for himself in the Chicago area

for suing Craigslist, among other things; former U.S. Sen. Carol Moseley Braun; at least one state senator and a city alderman.

A number of African Americans besides Moseley Braun are considering running, including Rep. Danny Davis and James Meeks, a state senator and prominent black minister. Black ministers, politicians and others have discussed throwing their support behind a single candidate.

A number of possible candidates, including Moseley Braun, Davis, Meeks and Dart, are in the process of collecting the 12,500 signatures necessary to win a spot on the February ballot.

Those running against Emanuel are sure to label him an outsider, and Emanuel will counter by stressing his ties to the city, particularly his tenure in Congress representing the district that includes Chicago's North Side.

In Washington, Emanuel's departure, though expected

by the political world for days now, is still an unquestioned loss for Obama. The president has counted on Emanuel's intensity, discipline and congressional relationships to keep the White House focused and aggressive. The job comes with nearly unrivaled pressure and power.

Obama is expected to install senior adviser Pete Rouse, a calm White House presence with his own seasoned understanding of how Washington work, to serve as interim chief of staff. Gibbs said the president has "complete loyalty and trust" in Rouse, though he wouldn't confirm Rouse had been tapped for the interim post.

The president is likely to choose a permanent chief of staff after the Nov. 2 midterm elections. Top contenders are Rouse, deputy national security adviser Tom Donilon and Ron Klain, the chief of staff to Vice President Joe Biden, according to aides close to the president. □

Jimmy Carter lands in DC after hospital stay

**By NAFEESA SYEED,
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WASHINGTON — Former President Jimmy Carter landed in Washington on Thursday after spending two nights in an Ohio hospital, where doctors said a viral infection likely gave him stomach problems.

Carter, wearing a dark blazer, landed in a small private jet at Reagan National Airport just before 3 p.m. Thursday. He walked down the steps from the plane onto the runway and stepped into an SUV that immediately drove away. An airport police car

escorted his SUV and two others from the airport.

Doctors advised Carter, who turns 86 on Friday, to remain at MetroHealth Medical Center after he was rushed from an airplane to the emergency room Tuesday morning with an upset stomach.

He headed to the nation's capital after hospital officials said the viral infection had cleared up. Carter was in Washington for a long-planned, private meeting, spokeswoman Deanna Congileo said.

Carter became ill during

a Delta Air Lines flight from Atlanta to Cleveland, causing rescue crews to rush him to the hospital after the plane landed. His medical team recommended that he stay a second night for additional monitoring, hospital spokeswoman Susan Christopher said.

The hospital stay has interrupted Carter's tour to promote his new book, "White House Diary."

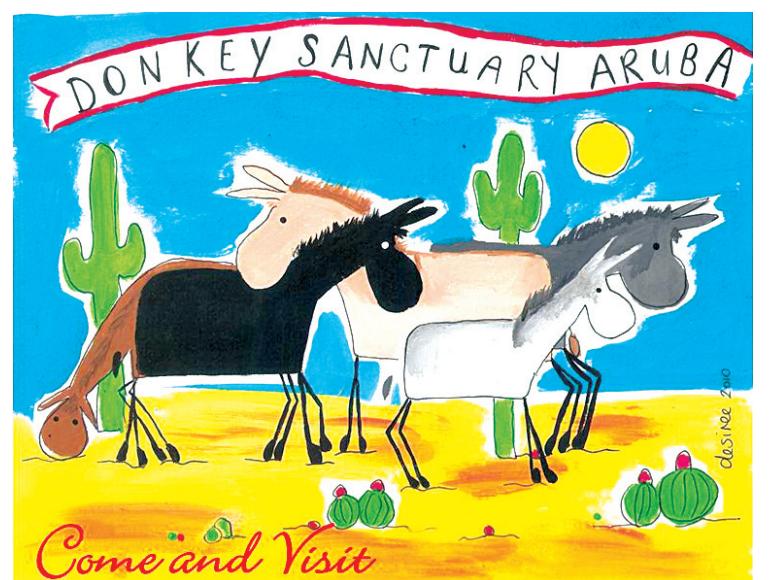
Carter canceled book signings in Ohio, North Carolina, South Carolina and Washington.

Carter, a former peanut farmer elected to the White House in 1976, has worked in recent years as an advocate for peace and human rights, efforts that won him the Nobel Peace Prize in 2002. In the new book, Carter said he pursued an overly aggressive agenda as president that may have confused voters and alienated lawmakers. But he said the tipping points that cost him the 1980 election were the Iran hostage crisis and the Democratic primary challenge by U.S. Sen. Ted Kennedy. □



Former President Jimmy Carter waves as he leaves MetroHealth Hospital Thursday, Sept. 30, 2010, in Cleveland. Carter left the hospital where he spent two days recovering from a viral infection doctors say likely gave him stomach problems.

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Secret sex video linked to NJ student's suicide

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PISCATAWAY, N.J. — The death of a Rutgers University freshman stirred outrage and remorse among classmates who said they wished they could have stopped the teen from jumping off a bridge after secret video of his sexual encounter with a man was streamed online.

Tyler Clementi, 18, jumped off the George Washington Bridge into the Hudson River last week. His body was identified Thursday after being found in the river a day before.

"Had he been in bed with a woman, this would not have happened," said Rutgers student Lauren Felton, 21, of Warren. "He wouldn't have been outed via an online broadcast, and his privacy would have been respected and he might still have his life."

Clementi had just started at Rutgers, which bills itself as the state university of New Jersey, and was a talented violinist whose life revolved around music, friends and mentors said.

"Musically, Tyler was destined for greatness," childhood friend Mary Alcaro, who played in a summer music academy with him, said Thursday in an e-mail to The Associated Press. "I've never heard anyone make a violin sing the way he did."

Ed Schmiedecke, the recently retired music director at Ridgewood High School, from which Clementi graduated this year, called Clementi "a terrific musician, and a very promising, hardworking young man."

Clementi's roommate, Dharun Ravi, and fellow Rutgers freshman Molly Wei, both 18, have been charged

with invading Clementi's privacy. Middlesex County prosecutors say that they used a webcam to surreptitiously transmit a live image of Clementi having sex Sept. 19 and that Ravi tried to webcast a second encounter on Sept. 21, the day before Clementi's suicide.

Collecting or viewing sexual images without consent is a fourth-degree crime, and transmitting them is a third-degree crime with a maximum prison term of five years. A lawyer for Ravi, of Plainsboro, did not immediately return a message seeking comment, and it was unclear whether Wei, of Princeton, had retained a lawyer.

Spokesman for the Middlesex County prosecutor's office didn't return messages inquiring whether there could be additional charges, and experts diverged on the potential for the pair to face more severe charges in light of Clementi's apparent suicide.

Parry Aftab, who runs the website WiredSafety, said it's possible the classmates could be prosecuted for violating Clementi's civil rights.

"If these kids could get away with one privacy law violation, that would be a sin," she said.

But former assistant Essex County prosecutor Luanne Peterpaul said such a prosecution was unlikely because the federal government doesn't recognize sexual orientation as a protected class.

Peterpaul, vice chairwoman of the gay rights group Garden State Equality, said prosecutors might be able to pursue the case as a hate crime if they could establish that the defendants were motivated to act because they



A group participates in a 'lie-in' near the Student Center at Rutgers University, in New Brunswick, N.J. Wednesday, Sept. 29, 2010. The rally was in support of safe places for gay students, in response to the death of a Rutgers University freshman who jumped off a bridge last week after a recording of him having a sexual encounter with a man was broadcast online.

(AP Photo/Erin Vanderbeg)

perceived Clementi as gay. But that can be hard to prove, she said.

A lawyer for Clementi's family has not responded to requests for comment on whether Clementi was open about his sexual orientation. Even if the young violinist from Ridgewood was not well known at his new school, his death stirred outrage.

"The notion that video of Tyler doing what he was doing can be considered a spectacle is just heinous," said Jordan Gochman, 19, of Jackson, who didn't know Clementi. "It's intolerant, it's upsetting, it makes it seem that being gay is something that is wrong and can be considered laughable."

Other students who knew Clementi were upset that they didn't do more to help him.

"I wish I could have been more of an ally," said Georges Richa, a freshman from

neighboring New Brunswick.

"No person should have to endure such shame and humiliation," said Alcaro, who grew up with Clementi in Bergen County, west of New York City. "I'm disillusioned that in a generation that prides itself on acceptance and tolerance, people can still be so closed-minded and downright hateful."

About 100 people gathered Wednesday night for a vigil on campus. They lay on the ground and chanted slogans like, "We're here, we're queer, we're not going home."

Rutgers University President Richard McCormick wrote in a letter to the campus, "If the charges are true, these actions gravely violate the university's standards of decency and humanity."

Gay rights groups say the suicide makes Clementi a national example of a problem they are increasingly

working to combat: young people who kill themselves after being tormented over their sexuality.

On Tuesday, a 13-year-old California boy died nine days after classmates found him hanging from a tree. Authorities say other teens had taunted the boy, Seth Walsh of Tehachapi, for being gay.

Steven Goldstein, chairman of Garden State Equality, said in a statement that his group considers Clementi's death a hate crime.

"We are heartbroken over the tragic loss of a young man who, by all accounts, was brilliant, talented and kind," Goldstein said. "And we are sickened that anyone in our society, such as the students allegedly responsible for making the surreptitious video, might consider destroying others' lives as a sport." □

Al-Qaida group releases tape of French hostages

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DAKAR, Senegal (AP) — A tape released on a jihadist forum shows the first images of a group of hostages including five French citizens since they were seized two weeks ago in Niger by an al-Qaida offshoot and taken into the desert.

The four-minute tape shows still images of the hostages sitting cross-legged in the sand with a gently sloping dune behind them. French officials believe the seven hostages are now in the bordering West African nation of Mali.

The hostages were grabbed in the middle of the night on Sept. 16 from their guarded villas in the uranium mining town of Arlit in Niger where they were working for French nuclear giant Areva.

The French Foreign Ministry said the tape was encouraging because its images show the hostages alive.

“Even if we don’t know what date it was taken, it constitutes an encouraging sign in the sense that it shows all the hostages alive,” a ministry statement said Thursday, adding that France “is doing everything to obtain their liberation.”

The tape’s release came as top officials from Areva began a visit to Niger, and Areva’s president said she was deeply moved by the pictures and also considered them encouraging. “They moved all of us because we are all a little bit hostages with them and at the same time I believe that this is an encouraging sign, very encouraging,” Anne Lauvergeon told reporters in the Niger capital, Niamey. French TV carried her comments.

If the company or the governments of Niger or France had known something ahead of time, “everyone would have acted,” she said. “We don’t play with the lives of our employees.”

The tape was an audio recording accompanied by still images. Standing behind the hostages are men brandishing automatic weapons who are wearing the face-covering turbans typical of the Tuaregs, a nomadic people who live in the Sahara desert and who are believed to be working with al-Qaida in the Islamic Maghreb.

During the recording, the hostages are questioned about their names, ages and marital status, according to the translation provided to reporters by U.S.-based SITE Intelligence Group.

Five of the hostages are French citizens; the other two are from Togo and Madagascar. They are also asked if they know who their kidnappers are, and acknowledge the kidnappers are al-Qaida in the Islamic Maghreb, or AQIM.

The terror group has its roots in an extremist Islamic group in Algeria that brokered an alliance with al-Qaida in 2006.

Since then, AQIM has kidnapped more than a dozen Europeans including tourists and aid workers. The group is believed to be using the ransom payments to bankroll their operations and with each kidnapping their tactics have become more bold.

The attack on the Areva compound in Niger is their most daring to date. The heavily armed gunmen were able to get past the town’s security cordon which includes 350 of Niger’s troops as well as 150 security guards hired by Areva.

In the tape produced by AQIM’s media arm, al-Andalus Media Foundation, they explain that the kidnapping came in the “context of retaliation.” It is a reference to a joint French-Mauritanian raid on an AQIM base in Mali earlier this summer that killed at least six members of the terror cell. Soon after the raid in July,



This image taken from video and provided by U.S.-based SITE Intelligence Group Thursday Sept. 30, 2010 shows the first images of a group of foreign hostages working for a French energy company who were seized in Niger two weeks ago by an al-Qaida offshoot, according to the group that monitors terrorism. The hostages were grabbed in the middle of the night on Sept. 16 from their guarded villas in the uranium mining town of Arlit in Niger where they worked for French nuclear giant Areva. Five are French citizens, the other two are from Togo and Madagascar.

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AQIM announced they had assassinated French hostage Michel Germaneau, a 78-year-old aid worker who had been seized in Niger in April. The tape warns that the French — who have sent a regiment of soldiers to Niger — should not attempt another rescue mission as they had done for Germaneau.

The French defense minister

had said that France was willing and interested in talking to the terror group.

The al-Qaida-linked group has invaded large swaths of the desert region spanning portions of Mauritania, Mali, Niger and Algeria. Famous tourist spots like Timbuktu are now on the no-go list of numerous foreign embassies, including the U.S. and France. Experts say the

group has made inroads by creating strategic alliances with disenfranchised groups that inhabit these remote desert areas — like the Tuareg who have taken up arms against the governments of Mali and Niger over claims they were not receiving an equal share of the countries’ resources including profits from uranium mining in Niger.

Death toll rises to 5 in Jamaican floods, slides

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KINGSTON, Jamaica (AP) — Searchers scoured muddy river banks and debris-clogged gullies for more victims of Tropical Storm Nicole on Thursday as the confirmed death toll in Jamaica from floods and mudslides rose to five. Rain continued to fall on the capital, Kingston, and emergency workers were trying to locate at least 14 more missing people, about half of whom were believed to have been swept away in landslides that roared through a shantytown. Officials warned the death toll was certain to rise as they rushed to confirm several reports of storm fatalities.

“The numbers will be going up, I’m sure,” said Richard Thompson, the deputy director-general of Jamaica’s disaster management office who put the death toll at five.

The latest death toll included two construction workers who died early Thursday when a shack in an upscale neighborhood in the hills above Kingston collapsed in a landslide triggered by rains on saturated ground, Thompson said. The laborers were sleeping in the shack to save money while working on a client’s house.

Also killed was 5-year-old Tashanna Wallace, who was crushed in a bed when a snapped tree

branch broke through the wooden house where she lived with her grandmother in St. Catherine parish. “She never leave me. Everywhere is me and her,” the Jamaica Observer quoted the grandmother, Jerdene Muir, saying Thursday. “I don’t know what I’m going to do now.”

The storm broke apart over the Atlantic late Wednesday afternoon, but intermittent rains increased the risk of additional slides across the island. Schools and universities stayed closed for a second day, while about 30 percent of those served by Jamaica’s utility company were without power, officials said.

Broken mains and clogged pipes left tens of thousands of people without water service, and residents were increasingly frustrated by long lines for basic necessities. Some bridges had collapsed, complicating relief efforts.

One landslide toppled a two-story concrete shack and killed a 14-year-old boy. Rescuers using heavy equipment had not yet found the rest of his family, which neighbors said included four sisters, the youngest just 3.

Some neighbors who gathered near the destroyed house in Sandy Park Gully said the family was surely dead and voiced frustration that emergency personnel had not yet found their bodies.

Pakistan cuts NATO supply line after border firing

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ISLAMABAD (AP) — Pakistan closed the most important supply route for U.S. and NATO troops in Afghanistan after a coalition helicopter attack killed three Pakistani soldiers at a border post Thursday, raising tensions in a vital relationship for both Islamabad and Washington.

NATO said its helicopters entered Pakistani airspace and hit a target only after receiving ground fire. The alliance expressed condolences to the families of the soldiers and said both nations would investigate the incident.

A lengthy ban on supply trucks would place intense strain on the U.S.-Pakistani relationship and hurt the Afghan war effort. But that was seen as unlikely, as neither Islamabad nor Washington can afford a meltdown in ties at a crucial time in the 9-year-old war. Briefly closing the route would serve a different purpose — a timely reminder by Pakistan of the leverage it has over the United States in Afghanistan just as the American-led coalition there is under growing public and political pressure to show success. The blockade left 150 trucks lined up along the fabled Khyber Pass carrying fuel, military vehicles, spare parts, clothing and other non-lethal supplies for foreign troops. Pakistan's other main route into landlocked Afghanistan, in Chaman in the southeast, stayed open.

While NATO and the United States have alternative supply routes into Afghanistan, the Pakistani ones are the cheapest and most convenient. Some 80 percent of the coalition's non-lethal supplies are transported over Pakistani soil after being unloaded at docks in Karachi, a port city in the south.

It was the third time in less than a week that NATO



Afghanistan-bound NATO trucks are parked at a roadside as authorities blocked NATO supply line to Afghanistan after NATO allegedly killed three border guards at Pakistani border, at tribal check post of Takhta Beg in Khyber area of Pakistan near Pak-Afghan border on Thursday, Sept. 30, 2010.

choppers in pursuit of militants behind attacks on coalition bases have crossed over the Pakistani border and fired on targets. Pakistani officials had warned after the earlier strikes that they would stop allowing NATO convoys if it happened again.

The NATO attacks follow a recent surge in missile strikes by CIA drones at Taliban and al-Qaida militants taking shelter in Pakistan out of reach of U.S. ground forces.

While the Pakistani leadership has quietly accepted drone strikes over the last three years and even provides intelligence for some of them, closing the border crossing was a clear signal it will not compromise on allowing foreign troops or manned aircraft inside its territory.

“We will have to see whether we are allies or enemies,” Pakistani Interior Minister Rehman Malik said of the border incident, without mentioning the decision to close the border.

The move shows Pakistan's deep sensitivities over foreign forces on its doorstep. While nominally allied with Americans

against the shared threat of Islamist militants, polls show many Pakistanis regard the United States as an enemy. Conspiracy theories abound of U.S. troops wanting to invade Pakistan and seize its nuclear weapons.

The spike in drone attacks this month — and the NATO's apparent increased willingness to attack targets on the border or just inside Pakistan — could be a sign that the coalition wants to try to expand its reach inside this country. Militants behind attacks in Afghanistan have enjoyed relative safe haven in Pakistan.

Thursday's strike took place soon after dawn on the border between Pakistan's Upper Kurram province and Afghanistan's Paktia province.

NATO said its helicopters crossed into Pakistan in pursuit of a target after being fired upon.

The Pakistani army said two approaching NATO helicopters fired on a post 200 meters (656 feet) inside the border. Its border force returned fire with rifles. Then the choppers rocketed the position, killing three officers and wounding three

others, the army said.

Several hours later, Pakistani officials reported another rocket strike by NATO helicopters about nine miles (15 kilometers) from the first one, causing no damage or injuries. The army statement did not refer to that incident.

Pentagon officials said they were trying to clarify exactly what happened and were talking to the Pakistani government. The U.S. Defense Department said it was too soon to know what impact the border crossing closure would have.

“We expect this matter to be resolved through continued dialogue,” spokesman Marine Corps Col. Dave Lapan said.

The border between Pakistan and Afghanistan is poorly defined and the terrain is rough. In 2008,

11 Pakistan border troops were killed when a U.S. plane mistakenly bombed them. That same year, U.S. helicopters and Pakistani ground troops briefly traded fire, causing tensions to spike for several days.

Frontier troops wear uniforms that resemble the traditional Pakistani dress of a long shirt and baggy

trousers, which could make it hard to distinguish them from ordinary citizens or insurgents.

NATO said the closing of the Torkham border crossing, the busiest entryway for NATO and U.S. goods into Afghanistan, had not strained the coalition's supply operation.

Both the Khyber Pass and Chaman routes have occasionally closed for several days in recent years after major militant attacks on the road or disagreements between truckers and authorities. Pakistani security forces protect the convoys.

Prime Minister Yousuf Raza Gilani told visiting CIA director Leon Panetta that Pakistan was “profoundly concerned” about the helicopter incursions and the increased drone strikes. “Pakistan being a front-line ally in the war against terror expects its partners to respect its territorial sovereignty,” he said, according to a statement from his office.

Moeed Yusuf, from the United States Institute of Peace, a Washington-based think tank, said Pakistan's reaction indicated it felt that the coalition in Afghanistan was trying out a more aggressive strategy on the border and had not informed Islamabad.

He thought a major rift in ties between Islamabad and Washington was unlikely because they need each other too much.

The United States has few options but to rely on Pakistan's help in Afghanistan and in the fight against al-Qaida, while Islamabad cannot survive without foreign assistance. It too does not want to see Afghanistan descend into chaos, destabilizing Pakistan. “If relations erupt right now, both Pakistan and the United States lose out on what they have been trying to achieve,” Yusuf said. “Their relationship is too important to allow it to be derailed by border issues.” □

Protesting police throw Ecuador into chaos

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QUITO, Ecuador (AP) — Hundreds of police angry over a law that would cut their benefits plunged this small South American nation into chaos Thursday, roughing up and tear-gassing the president, shutting down airports and blocking highways in a nationwide strike.

At least one person was killed and six injured in clashes between police and supporters of President Rafael Correa, the security minister said.

Incensed officers shoved Correa around earlier, pelted him with water and doused him in tear gas when he tried to speak at a police barracks in the capital.

Hours after Correa was roughed up, surrounded by rebel cops in a police hospital, the president declared himself "practically captive."

Correa, 47, was hospitalized after being nearly asphyxiated by the tear gas.

The government declared a state of siege, putting the military in charge of public order, suspending civil liberties and allowing soldiers to carry out searches without a warrant.

The insurgent police took over police barracks in Quito, Guayaquil and other cities. Some set up roadblocks of burning tires, cutting off highway access to the capital.

Schools shut down in Quito and many businesses closed early due to the absence of police protection that left citizens and businesses vulnerable.

Looting was reported in the capital — where at least two banks were sacked — and in the coastal city of Guayaquil. That city's main newspaper, *El Universo*, reported attacks on supermarkets and robberies due to the absence of police.

Hundreds of Correa supporters gathered outside the National Assembly, which was seized by striking police, while Interior



A police officer demonstrates next to a bonfire during a protest of police officers and soldiers against a new law that cuts their benefits at a police base in Quito, Ecuador, Thursday, Sept. 30, 2010. Ecuador's President Rafael Correa tried to speak with a group of police protesters but was shouted down.

Minister Gustavo Jahlk met with representatives of the rebellious police.

The armed forces commander, Gen. Ernesto Gonzalez, declared the military's loyalty to Correa at a news conference. He called for "a re-establishment of dialogue, which is the only way Ecuadoreans can resolve our differences."

But he also called for the law that provoked the unrest to be "reviewed or not placed into effect so public servants, soldiers and police don't see their rights affected."

The law, which Congress approved on Wednesday, must be published before it takes effect and that has not happened.

Peru and Colombia closed their countries' borders with Ecuador in solidarity with Correa. Along with the rest of the region's leaders and the United States, they expressed firm support for Correa. Bolivia's leftist president, Evo Morales, summoned South America's presidents to an emergency meeting Thursday night in Buenos Aires of the continent's fledgling UNASUR defense union.

This poor Andean nation of 14 million had a history of political instability before Correa, cycling through

eight presidents in a decade before the leftist U.S.-trained economist first won election in December 2006. Three of them were driven from office by street protests.

In April 2009, after voters approved a new constitution he championed, Correa became Ecuador's first president to win election without a runoff. That success has led him at times to act with overconfidence, even arrogance.

Confronting the protesters Thursday morning, Correa was agitated and unyielding. "If you want to kill the president, here he is! Kill me!" he told them before limping away with the aid of a cane as an aide fitted a gas mask over his face. Correa's right knee, with which he has had recurring problems, was operated on last week.

Some 800 police officers in Quito joined the protest, which appeared to have arisen spontaneously. The number of participants outside the capital was unclear. Ecuador has 40,000 police officers.

Correa called the unrest "an attempted coup" spurred by his opponents in remarks to reporters at the police hospital, where he at one point was hooked to an intravenous drip. "They're practically holding the

president captive," he said.

The insurgent police surrounding the hospital fought with Correa supporters, and Miguel Carvajal, the security minister, told reporters that one person was killed and six injured. He provided no details.

Correa's leftist ally, Venezuela's President Hugo Chavez, claimed after speaking to Correa that the Ecuadorean leader was "in danger of being killed" by the encircling police.

Ecuador's foreign minister, Ricardo Patino, said at one point that insurgents were trying to enter the hospital through the roof.

"They are trying to oust President Correa," Chavez said via Twitter.

That claim was echoed by Cuba while the Organization of American States' secretary-general, Miguel Insulza, called the situation "a coup d'état in the making."

The United States didn't go that far.

"We urge all Ecuadorians to come together and to work within the framework of Ecuador's democratic institutions to reach a rapid and peaceful restoration of order," U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton said in a statement.

Ecuador's ambassador to the OAS, Maria Isabel Salvador, alleged involvement by "opposition politicians with military backgrounds and police ties."

Correa's main political opponent, Mayor Jaime Nebot of Guayaquil, called a news conference to denounce the police revolt. "No problem should be resolved with violence and disrespect for the constitution and the law," he said.

The striking police were angered by a law passed by Congress on Wednesday that would end the practice of giving members of Ecuador's military and police medals and bonuses with each promotion. It would also extend from five to seven years the usual period required for a subsequent promotion.

"They are a bunch of ungrateful bandits," Correa said of the protesters after they set upon him.

The U.S. Embassy issued a message warning U.S. citizens "of a nationwide strike by all levels of police, including military police." It warned them to "stay in their homes or current location, if safe." The president's policy coordination minister, Doris Soliz, asked Ecuadoreans to be calm and support the government.

"This is an act of indiscipline that is going to be controlled. It is being controlled," she said. "The military chiefs are completely supporting democracy."

Air force troops shut down Quito's Mariscal Sucre airport as the protests began Thursday morning. Dozens of flights were canceled and it was unclear when international service would be restored to the Quito, Guayaquil and Manta airports.

The head of Ecuador's civil aviation authority, Fernando Guerrero, said in a statement that international operations were suspended at the latter two airports "due to the lack of immigration and counternarcotics personnel." □

Indian court: Muslims, Hindus must share holy site

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LUCKNOW, India (AP)

— For 150 years, Hindus and Muslims both claimed a site that is sacred to their religions, which triggered some of the worst rioting in India's history. On Thursday, a court came up with a compromise: Split it.

Both sides said they would appeal, and the muted reaction to the potentially explosive verdict generated hopes that the increasingly confident country, with its growing regional clout and skyrocketing economy, has moved beyond its divisive history.

"(This) shows that we have become a mature nation," said Kamal Farooqui, a member of the Muslim Personal Law Board. In advance of the ruling, the government sent hundreds of thousands of police into the streets, arrested more

than 10,000 people to keep them from inciting violence, and pushed another 100,000 to sign affidavits saying they would not cause trouble. The dispute over the religious site in the city of Ayodhya, 350 miles east of New Delhi, has been one of the country's most contentious issues.

Hindus argued that the Babri Mosque erected there by Muslims in 1528 stood on the site of the birthplace of the Hindu god Rama, and they filed suit in 1950.

In 1992, while the legal case lingered, tens of thousands of Hindu extremists ripped apart the mosque with spades, crowbars and their bare hands as security forces watched. A small tented shrine to Rama now stands on the site.

The demolition sparked nationwide riots that killed 2,000 people and shook the foundations of India's claim

to be a multiethnic, secular democracy.

The High Court in the state of Uttar Pradesh ruled that the 64-acre site should be split, one-third to the Muslim community and the rest to two Hindu groups.

The Hindus will keep the area where the mosque once stood because the court determined it was the birthplace of Rama and archaeological evidence showed a temple had predated the mosque, according to the judgment. Hindus want to build an enormous temple to Rama on the site, while Muslims want to rebuild the mosque. The ruling will likely force both groups to scale down those plans. The court said the status quo should be maintained at the site for three months. "It's not a victory or defeat for any party. It's a step forward. We hope this matter will be resolved," said



Hindu priests celebrate after hearing the first reports on the court verdict in Ayodhya, India, Thursday, Sept. 30, 2010..

Associated Press

closed, streets were deserted and police were on patrol in the hours after the verdict. Hindu and Muslim groups in Mumbai, a flash point for previous Hindu-Muslim violence over the temple dispute, appealed for peace.

"We hope all problems regarding matters with Hindus and Muslims can be settled in this amicable way," said Haji Arfat, a leader of the Maharashtra Navnirman Sena, an offshoot of the Shiv Sena, a Hindu fundamentalist group.

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The Country known as the Netherlands Antilles will disappear as of 10-10-10

The Dismantling Of The Netherlands Antilles

By Karel Frieling

Attorney / Partner

Spighoff Lawyers & Tax Advisers CURACAO - The country, the Netherlands Antilles, consists of Bonaire, Curacao, St. Maarten, St. Eustatius and Saba, and forms part of the Kingdom of the Netherlands. On 10 October 2010 the Netherlands Antilles will no longer exist. Two new countries will be born on that date: the country Curacao and the country St. Maarten. Both new countries will be part of the Kingdom of the Netherlands; however, they will each have their own government and legislature. The island of Aruba gained similar autonomy in 1986. The legislation currently in place in the Netherlands Antilles (Civil Code, Administrative Code, Penal Code, Code on Civil Procedure, Regulatory Codes etc.) will become the legislation of Curacao and Sint Maarten respectively. The 'cooperation regulation' provides for uniform legislation between the countries Aruba, Curacao and St. Maarten.

The three remaining islands (Bonaire, St. Eustatius and Saba, a.k.a. the BES-islands) will become special overseas territories (sort of municipalities) of the Netherlands. The BES-islands will become a Dutch public entity, which will lead to the gradual introduction of Dutch law on these islands.

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Going Green!

Aruba to be an example for the world



ORANJESTAD - Former vice president of the U.S.A. and Nobel Peace laureate Al Gore was the keynote speaker at the opening of the conference "Our Future with Green Energy" in Aruba on September 29, 2010. "Vice President Gore is one of the most important driving forces behind the green awareness movement. The wisdom of Mr. Gore's words will be of great value to our delegates as well," Minister Mike De Meza stated.

The Government of Aruba has a very ambitious green agenda. Twenty percent of the energy needed to produce potable water and electricity is already being harvested provided by the island's first windmill park. Making use of the available sustainable energy sources, namely sun, ocean and wind, the government aims to double this percentage in the coming two years. The government of Aruba and the local utilities companies WEB Aruba N.V., N.V. ELMAR and Utilities Aruba N.V. are currently hosting the first international conference on green energy for Aruba with as theme "Our Future with Green Energy". During the conference international experts are presenting the latest technologies and developments in state of the art alternative, sustainable energy technologies and their practical use in the Caribbean.

During the opening

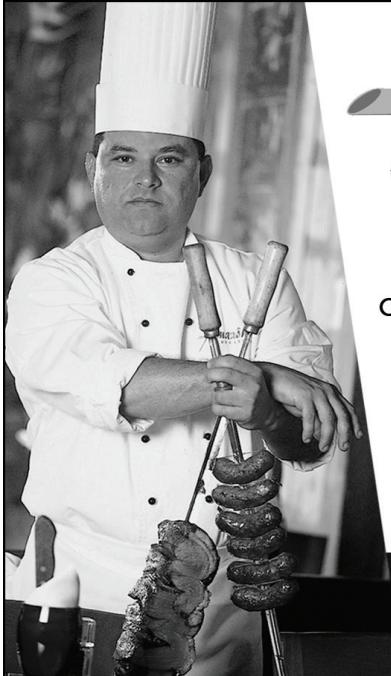
presentation on Wednesday, it was noted that there were many people from different sectors of the community not only interested in listening to Gore, but also very interested in the theme and implementation of alternative energy.

Mr. John Chemaly Jr., publisher of Bon Dia Aruba and Aruba Today was impressed by the organization of the conference and supports the "Alternative Energy" theme and initiative of the driving force.

"Ecological change must go hand in hand with economic politics," Chemaly remarked.

The tradeshow, geared towards increasing national and regional awareness on the everyday use of sustainable energy tools in the home and business, will start today October 1 and continue until Sunday, October 3rd. The general public is offered the opportunity to get better acquainted with a numerous green technologies for a small fee of \$3.00 per person. □





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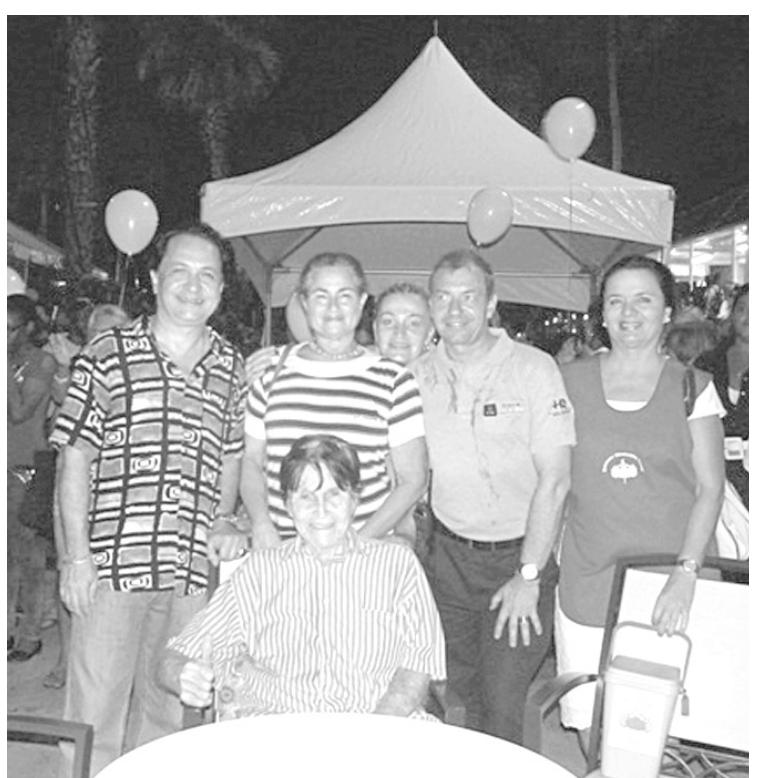


ORANJESTAD - The Cas di Glas event, with as its goal a mobile breast screening unit for Aruba, is underway. The event began with an informal cocktail reception for the main sponsors of the event (Cool FM, Cilo, KLM Martinair, Elite, Mexim, Protec, Renaissance Resort, Divi Resorts, Small Energy, Digicel, Setar and many, many others) at the Cilo City

Lounge in the Renaissance Marketplace. The Koningin Wilhelmina Fonds (KWF) started collecting money. Afterdeejays 101, Siomara and Jean Carlo were locked into their glass habitat by Minister of Economic Affairs Michelle Winklaar on Wednesday, September 29, music ruled the parking lot in front of the Renaissance cinemas. The line-up was terrific: Lava House

played its rousing songs, Jairo Boekhoudt and his Accoustic Souls got the crowd going and Dhaddy Brokke with her band Dedhalavie was superb in its reunion after 28 years. As if they had never stopped... The white balloons were a wonderful touch. And as more and more people dropped in to enjoy the live performances and the sizzling atmosphere, Mystical Connection stepped on the stage, followed by the Zeta Band, who closed the evening. A long, long night followed for the deejays...

For Thursday the line-up started with guitarist Ernesto Ferro, who was followed by Sazon Cubano, dance shows by Pachango and Nos Cultura, the PM Band, Grupo di EMG, the Jefferson Paris Band, the BMW Band and Privé. The upcoming weekend will be just as jammed with performances as well, so come on down and enjoy the first Cas di Glas fundraising of the island. You can watch the action in the Cas di Glas live via



channel 49; the schedule of performances is posted on the website www.casdiglas.com. The Koningin Wilhelmina Fonds (KWF) will be collecting money continuously and large donation boxes stand at the ready in front of the

Cas di Glas for your financial support.

Photos show president of the KWF Lili Prince in action and the father of Aruba's culture, Padu Lampe, who came to give his blessing to the terrific event in person. □

Fundraising for Mobile Breast Cancer Screening Unit

Terrific half-time score of Cas di Glas fundraising

ORANJESTAD - A terrific score made the organization of the Cas di Glas fundraising team more than a little happy yesterday: the amount so far that has been donated by various companies and private persons is AWG. 82.583,39.

A fabulous result, but much more is needed

for the mobile breast cancer screening unit. That costs AWG. 450.000,-- so please keep on giving.

The bank account number of the fundraising happening at the Renaissance Marketplace is 450.000 Aruba Bank (in the name of Cas di Glas). Thank you! □



"Creative Wind Power" ~ Harness the Power

Dutch Astronaut Wubbo Ockels Speaks To Aruba

Petition to the Dutch government to make The Netherlands 100% "clean" by 2050



ORANJESTAD - Astronaut, Pilot and Scientist Professor Ockels expressed that he found Prime Minister of Aruba Mike Eman's request to consider creating a research center for alternative energy on Aruba "very intriguing" and that he was willing to study the opportunities for the realization of such a project.

Professor Ockels is a highly

respected astronaut and scientist, who intensely endorses green living and use of green energy. He is actively promoting a petition to the Dutch government to make The Netherlands 100% "clean" by 2050, which would include elimination of fossil fuel use. Ockels was the first Dutchman to be selected to go to space. He had participated at the Space-

Lab program, a cooperative between the European Space Agency and NASA, in the early eighties and made his first, and until now, only spaceflight as part of team that took up the Challenger space shuttle from October 31 through November 6, 1985.

An article in Holland Shipbuilding, describing Ockels' work on the Ecolution, a zero-emission sailboat, explains that after his career as an astronaut, Professor Ockels has continuously been a forerunner in the development of alternative energies and sustainable development. He gained his appreciation for ecology by watching our planet from space.

The article states that the driving principle of Professor Ockels is that "global warming should not restrict the options of people to entertain themselves or lower comfort levels. Instead, if we do things in a different way, we can enjoy ourselves just as much, or even more, without burning

massive amounts of fossil fuel." Professor Ockels is currently working on various projects, including a laddermill, a windmill that could improve wind harvesting by reaching greater heights, where the wind is stronger and more constant.

The work on the Nuna solar cars with which the Nuon Solar Team of the Technical University of Delft have won the World Solar Challenge four times also resort under Professor Ockels' guidance and supervision. The current team, including Aruban Javier Sint Jago, is determined to win the next challenge - taking place in Australia in 2011 - with the Nuna 6, which is currently in development. The Nuna 4 will be on exhibit and will be driven on the island during the Green Aruba Conference and Tradeshow.

Professor Ockels is further also working at developing the Superbus, which can reach a speed of 250 km per hour.

Ockels has been honored with a small planet named after

him, the 9496 Ockels, located between Mars and Jupiter and is recipient of the "Gouden Generaal Snijders" medal for his dedication to helping youngsters who are interested in astronomy. The "Gouden General Snijders" medal is the highest honor one can receive in The Netherlands for efforts in the fields of aeronautics and astronomy.

At the Delft University of Technology, they even talk about the "Ockels effect", as soon after his journey into space, the number of students entering the various science-oriented faculties increased.

Every other year, in honor of Professor Ockels, the province of Groningen awards the Wubbo Ockels Prize to individuals or teams who have excelled in the fields of natural sciences or engineering and are either originally from the province or if their work is related to the province in some way. Wubbo Ockels was the first to receive this award in 1986. □

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GREEN ARUBA SCIENCE FAIR kicks off today

At the Renaissance Conference Center

ORANJESTAD - More than ten teams have registered to participate at the first Green Aruba Science Fair, organized by a committee consisting of Freddy Vargas of Engysol N.V., Sue Lepry of the International School of Aruba, Geert Loonen of Het Schakel College and Azriah Palm and Sharon Timmer of Colegio EPI Sector TECNICO, who are working side by side with Green Aruba Conference and Trade Fair organizers.

Local youngsters were challenged to try their hand at coming up with science projects that use green energy as their power source and the kids and teenagers have responded enthusiastically to the call for action.

The youngsters are competing in three age categories - 13 and younger, 14 to 16 and 16 and older - and the competition is going to be fierce, they promise. Among the projects being presented are "The Earth's Rover", "Solar Powered Distiller", and "Electricity from Sun and Wind". Sponsors have also responded well to the project and EcoTech is generously covering all expenses related to the creation of the projects, as well as the prizes, while Subway will be delivering their famous "Eat Fresh!" sandwiches to the young scientists for lunch on Friday, October 1, when they set up their projects and anxiously wait for the judges to announce their verdicts.

The Science Fair projects will be on the exhibition floor on Friday and most will remain on display over the weekend during the Green Aruba Trade Fair.

The Green Aruba Trade Fair is open from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Friday and Saturday October 1 and 2 and from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Sunday, October 3. The general public is invited to come see a nice selection of green energy products and technologies for commercial as well as domestic use that will be on exhibit.

Among exhibitors will be the company that installed the Vader Piet windmills - Vestas and experts on domestic use of solar and wind technologies Engysol and UTS. Hatenboer Water will be showing off their mobile reverse osmosis technology, demonstrating how in a 10-foot container they can produce potable water from salt water with the use of solar and wind energy. Admittance to the trade fair is a very reasonable Afl. 5 (about US\$ 3).

An extra bonus feature offered by Green Aruba organizers is a "boulevard show" with the Greenchoice Forze hydrogen powered car and the Nuna 4, from the series of Nuna solar cars from the Delft University of Technology, which have won the World Solar Challenge in Australia four times. □



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The Country known as the Netherlands Antilles will disappear as of 10-10-10

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These territories, as well as Curacao and St. Maarten, will maintain the (limited) status of 'Overseas Communities and Territories' within the European Union.

Under the new constitution, Curacao and St. Maarten will cooperate on several levels and together with the BES-islands will have a Common Court of Appeal (the Supreme Court will remain in The Hague). Curacao and St. Maarten will have a shared Central Bank.

A new monetary unit – probably the Dutch Caribbean guilder – will replace the current Netherlands Antillean guilder in both countries.

The current reform will not affect companies in the Netherlands Antilles: a company with its statutory seat on Curacao will become a Curacao company, and a company with its statutory seat on St. Maarten will become a St. Maarten company. Such a company may still establish a branch on any of the other islands.

There will be tax reforms on all of the islands, although the exact nature thereof is not yet clear. As far as (tax) treaties are

concerned, Curacao and St Maarten will assume the international obligations previously undertaken by the Netherlands Antilles.

The (successor of the) Netherlands Antilles Central Bank will continue to supervise banks, funds etc. on Curacao and St. Maarten. Supervision on the

BES-islands will be carried out by the Dutch Central Bank (DNB) and the Dutch Authority for the Financial Market (AFM), except for branches of banks etc. already subject to home country supervision on Curacao or St. Maarten. The "Concluding Statement" or "Slotverklaring", which was signed between

Curacao, St. Maarten, and the Netherlands in November 2006, provides for debt relief and gives Curacao and St. Maarten the opportunity to eliminate their unsustainable debt and start afresh with a new constitutional status with a clean slate.

The Netherlands has reserved

funding to pay the accrued interest and the greater part of the outstanding debts of Curacao and St. Maarten. All in all, foreign investors and shareholders have nothing to fear.

Despite their new constitutional status, the islands will continue to offer many (regional) advantages □

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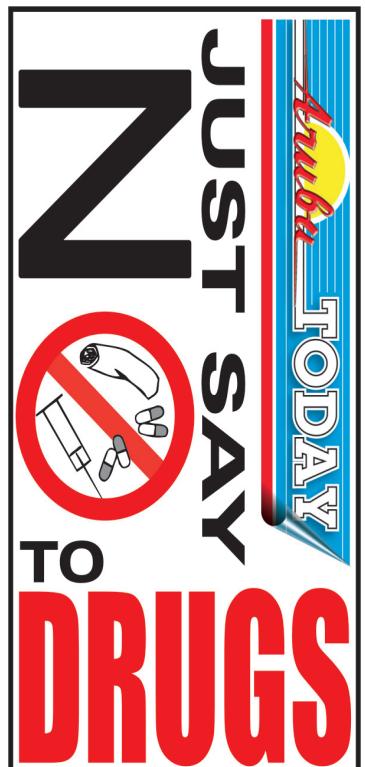
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Classical music and rock in a light version

Rockenbach performs live tonight at Cas di Glas



ORANJESTAD - The first Aruban edition of the House of Glass (Het Glazen Huis) is getting Belgian visitors. The popular band Rockenbach, which magically changes classical masterpieces into

cool, rock versions, is going to perform at the Cas di Glas event held in front of the CILO City Lounge in the Renaissance Marketplace.

When the band members read about the Aruban fundraising

effort for a mobile breast cancer screening unit, they unanimously decided to fly to the tropical island to help support this worthy cause. Their song 'Song for Life', written for a woman who is battling cancer, seems to have been written for this specific occasion by pianist Hugo Ulens.

Ulens is on the island in the company of the 2000 Bart Peeters award winner Harry Hendrickx and the 2004 Idols winner Kris Struyven. These three members of the 8-men Rockenbach band have flown to Aruba - they can be seen live in action on Friday evening.

Ulens had the Dutch '70's band Exception with Thijs van Leer on the flute in his mind when he started Rockenbach two years ago. The combination of classical music with songs by Michael Jackson, AC/DC and Madonna intrigued him.



Rockenbach's music will cause shock waves throughout the Renaissance Marketplace, as this type of music (Il Divo-like) has never been heard before on this island.

Before, during and after Rockenbach's performance, their CDs are for sale - all proceeds go towards Cas di Glas. What a wonderful gesture!

Photo shows Hugo, Kris and Harry in the company of organizer of Cas di Glas, Peter Ballière, and deejays Siomara and Jean Carlo - both wearing sunglasses to hide their tired eyes... The Popcorn Dancers are back tonight (Friday) with modern dance from 6.30 to 7; their act is followed by Idyl Mist (7-8) and the Belgian classical formation, the sensational Rockenbach (8-9). Banda Esquema (9-10), Basic One & Biggy Boy (10-11) and DJ Quality (11-12) make Friday a super night. Emcees of the three next nights are courtesy of popular local radio station Magic FM. □



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Contador blames tainted meat for positive test

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PINTO, Spain (AP) — Alberto Contador became the latest Tour de France winner to be dragged into a doping scandal after announcing Thursday he tested positive for a banned substance during this year's race, putting a cloud of suspicion back over a sport that has been plagued for years by drug use.

Contador — cycling's biggest star since Lance Armstrong — immediately launched a passionate defense, blaming the whole thing on a tasty but supposedly contaminated fillet steak he lunched on during a rest day on this summer's Tour. His urine sample showed a "very small concentration" of the banned substance

clenbuterol on July 21, the international cycling federation UCI said.

"It is a clear case of food contamination," Contador told a packed news conference in his hometown near Madrid.

A handful of Spanish journalists applauded as he entered and left, shouting "Alberto Champion."

Close to tears and with his voice trembling with emotion, the three-time Tour winner said, "I am sad and disappointed but hold my head high."

Experts said his theory of food contamination was plausible, since clenbuterol is sometimes given illegally to cattle in Europe to speed up growth and increase muscle mass in the animals. Still, the positive test was the last thing cycling needed after spending the last few

years trying to clean up its act.

The sport has struggled to hold on to sponsors and fans after a series of doping scandals, and American Floyd Landis became the first Tour winner to be stripped of his title after a positive test from his 2006 victory. For years, Landis denied doping but admitted this spring that he used performance-enhancing drugs.

Landis has also accused Armstrong — the seven-time Tour champion who ended a two-year comeback after this year's French classic — of taking performance-enhancing drugs, but has yet to produce any evidence. Federal authorities in the United States are investigating Landis' claims as part of a wider probe into doping in pro cycling.

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In this July 25, 2010, file photo, Alberto Contador, of Spain, wearing the overall leader's yellow jersey, flashes three fingers for his third Tour de France victory.

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In this photo made Thursday, Sept. 23, 2010, Scott Hallenbeck, executive director of USA Football, poses in the organization's offices in Indianapolis. With concern about brain inj

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Concussions: Youth football begins prevention work

By JAIME ARON

AP Sports Writer

DALLAS — Youth football leagues are responding to warnings about the dangers of hard hits by offering new videos, coaching exams and other lessons about preventing and recognizing concussions — even though organizers believe their level of the sport is as safe as football gets.

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A-TEAM

Hidden Tiger tries to slay Celtic Dragon

U.S. team members Tiger Woods, left, and Steve Stricker practice their putting prior to the 2010 Ryder Cup golf tournament at the Celtic Manor golf course in Newport, Wales, Thursday, Sept. 30, 2010.

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Ryder Cup at a glance

NEWPORT, Wales (AP) — A brief look at the Ryder Cup, which starts Friday at Celtic Manor:

Defending champion: United States.

Series: U.S. leads 25-10-2.

Format: Four matches of fourballs (better ball) and foursomes (alternate shot) on Friday and Saturday, 12 singles matches on Sunday.

Points: The U.S. needs 14 points to retain the cup. Europe needs 14½ points to win the cup.

Captains: Corey Pavin (U.S.), Colin Montgomerie (Europe).

U.S. roster: Stewart Cink, Rickie Fowler, Jim Furyk, Dustin Johnson, Zach Johnson, Matt Kuchar, Hunter Mahan, Phil Mickelson, Jeff Overton, Steve Stricker, Bubba Watson, Tiger Woods.

European roster: Luke Donald, Ross Fisher, Peter Hanson, Padraig Harrington, Miguel Angel Jimenez, Martin Kaymer, Graeme McDowell, Rory McIlroy, Edoardo Molinari, Francesco Molinari, Ian Poulter, Lee Westwood.

Opening session: Mickelson and Dustin Johnson vs. Westwood and Kaymer; Cink and Kuchar vs. McDowell and McIlroy;

Woods and Stricker vs. Poulter and Fisher; Watson and Overton vs. Donald and Harrington.

Tiger tales: Woods, playing for the first time as a captain's pick, has never missed a match.

Key statistic: The U.S. has not won in Europe since 1993 at The Belfry.

Quoteworthy: "I think we've got 11 great players that are well capable of following me through there and playing to the best of their ability." — Lee Westwood, on being in the opening match for Europe

Woods, Stricker paired for Ryder Cup start

DOUG FERGUSON

AP Golf Writer

NEWPORT, Wales (AP) — Good thing for the Americans the Ryder Cup ultimately comes down to golf shots, not style points.

U.S. captain Corey Pavin, his voice unsteady at the opening ceremony Thursday, introduced the 11 players on his team and was about to sit down when he the awkward realization arrived that each team has 12 players.

He overlooked Stewart Cink, one of his captain's picks.

Then came the lineups for the opening session, with Tiger Woods and Steve Stricker in the third slot. It was the first time since 1999 that Woods was not in the first match, leading European captain Colin Montgomerie to suggest the Americans were trying to hide him.

Leading off for the Americans in fourballs is Phil Mickelson and Dustin Johnson, a big hitter whose driver broke on the range.

Montgomerie was asked if Europe already felt it was 1-up based on Pavin's gaffe? "I suppose that was a mistake," Montgomerie said. "He just missed the one. He read the wrong name, but that was just unfortunate. I think he was very, very good in covering his tracks. It went very well. It was a first-class show up there.

"And yes," he added, "we are 1 up."

Europe had other reasons to feel so confident about winning back the Ryder Cup when the matches get under way Friday. It has not lost on its home soil since 1993, and the crowd can play such a huge role in golf's biggest bipartisan event.

It was evident on the final day of practice, when fans gave a standing ovation from the bleachers behind the greens on the back nine of Celtic Manor just at the sight of the European players approaching the green.

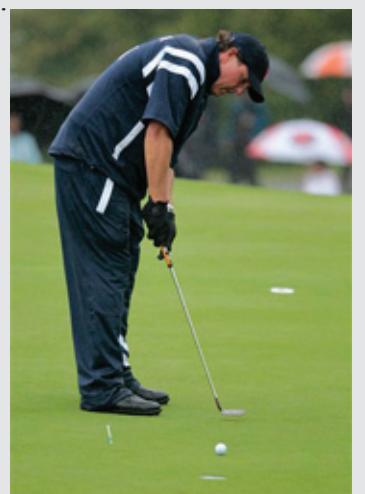
By Sunday, all that matters are the points on the board.

The Americans, who won two years ago at Valhalla to end a decade of European



U.S. team members from left, Dustin Johnson, Tiger Woods, and Steve Stricker during a practice round prior to the 2010 Ryder Cup golf tournament at the Celtic Manor golf course in Newport, Wales, Thursday, Sept. 30, 2010. The tournament starts Friday Oct. 1.

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Ryder Cup Pairings

NEWPORT, Wales (AP) — Pairings on Friday in the Ryder Cup at Celtic Manor Resort (times in GMT):

Fourball

Lee Westwood and Martin Kaymer, Europe, vs. Phil Mickelson and Dustin Johnson, United States, 0645.

Rory McIlroy and Graeme McDowell, Europe, vs. Stewart Cink and Matt Kuchar, United States, 0700.

Ian Poulter and Ross Fisher, Europe, vs. Steve Stricker and Tiger Woods, United States, 0715.

Luke Donald and Padraig Harrington, Europe, vs. Bubba Watson and Jeff Overton, United States, 0730.

dominance, need only 14 points from the 28 matches to take the 17-inch gold trophy back home.

"I cannot wait," said Ian Poulter, who will join Ross Fisher in taking on the Woods-Stricker tandem. "This crowd tomorrow is going to be electric. The roar on that first tee will be sensational. I can't wait to hear it and I can't wait to get pumped for it. I can't wait to give them some feedback."

The big mystery going was the weather.

Celtic Manor already is lush and soggy from rain in recent weeks, and the forecast is for rain and blustery wind for most of the day. And while Montgomerie said he didn't try to alter the setup, it has become clear that the best strategy is to play out of the short grass.

This is one of the longest American teams in history. But the straightest?

They should find out immediately with a compelling match — Mickelson and Johnson, who play big-money games just about every week on tour, going against Lee Westwood and PGA champion Martin Kaymer, Europe's best player and its most recent major champion.

For Westwood, it will be his first competition in six weeks while he recovered from a calf injury. Playing his eighth Ryder Cup, he went to Montgomerie a few days ago and asked to be in the leadoff match.

He had thought about U.S. Open champion Graeme McDowell and Rory McIlroy leading off.

"It was just seen that Lee should hit the first shot,"

Montgomerie said. "I think it's a real honor to do that, and I've had that honor twice. And it's only right that Lee Westwood at this time should have that."

McDowell and McIlroy, the duo from Northern Ireland, play in the second match against Georgia Tech alums Cink and Matt Kuchar, depriving for now the fans of a McIlroy-Woods match of any form. McIlroy had said he would "love to face" Woods, and Woods countered with a no-nonsense "Me, too," that stirred Ryder Cup tensions.

Stricker is the 12th partner for Woods in this event — two short of the Ryder Cup record.

But everyone saw this one coming. They went 4-0 at the Presidents Cup last year, the first tandem in any cup to do that in 30 years.

"Hopefully, Tiger and I can

go out there and do the things that we know how to do," Stricker said. "And hopefully, it's good enough for a win."

Montgomerie stoked speculation, however, by feigning surprise that Woods was in the middle of the lineup.

"I was expecting Tiger to go first or fourth," he said. "I think Tiger being hidden is a different move. But, as we all know, every point is important wherever it might be. It's a very difficult game, mind you, probably the two best putters on the U.S. team."

He was even more surprised to see Bubba Watson and Jeff Overton — a pair of rookies whom many consider to be the most likely affected by Ryder Cup nerves — in the final spot against Padraig Harrington and Luke Donald.

In doing so, Pavin sat out Jim Furyk and Hunter Mahan.

Furyk is the only American with three victories this year, including his \$11.35 million payoff for winning the Tour Championship and FedEx Cup on Sunday.

"He's been counting the money, and he's been very tired," Pavin said with a laugh.

Mahan went unbeaten in all five matches at his Ryder Cup debut two years ago. Pavin said only that four players have to sit, and he planned to get all 12 of his players a match on Friday.

"If you have any better suggestions, I'd love to hear them," he said. "I guess it's a little too late for those suggestions."

Nothing matters now.

Starting Friday, it's all about winning holes, winning matches, putting up points. The morning fourballs are to be followed by foursomes matches in the afternoon. Montgomerie made it clear how badly he wants to get his team in front quickly, putting his best two teams at the top of the lineup.

"My goal is to lead Friday evening if at all possible," Montgomerie said. "It's all set up for that. That's the plan."

Everything else seems to have been going his way so far. □

Westwood headed toward No. 1 in world rankings

DOUG FERGUSON
AP Golf Writer

NEWPORT, Wales (AP) — Tiger Woods is almost certain to lose his No. 1 world ranking next month — but not to Phil Mickelson. Lee Westwood, a runner-up in two majors this year before missing the last two months with a calf injury, will replace Mickelson at No. 2 in the new rankings published on Monday. The final step to No. 1 is not far behind.

Westwood will have a chance to replace Woods atop the ranking at the Alfred Dunhill Championship next week in Scotland, with St. Andrews the host course. Westwood finished second at the British Open in July. He also is expected to play the Portugal Masters the following week. If he were to finish in the top 20 at both events, that should be enough to reach No. 1 for the first time in his career.

Woods has been No. 1 for the last 277 weeks, dating to the week before the 2005 U.S. Open at Pinehurst No. 2. He has not won a tournament since the Australian Masters last November, shortly before a car accident outside his Florida home led to

revelations of multiple extramarital affairs.

For most of the year, Mickelson seemed the most likely candidate to replace him. The Masters champion has had 12 tournaments where he could have gone to No. 1 for the first time in his career. But in his last seven tournaments since the U.S. Open, Mickelson has finished in the top 20 only twice.

Westwood might have gone to No. 1 except for the injury. His right calf affected his ankle to the point that he withdrew from the Bridgestone Invitational at Firestone in the first week of August and spent six weeks of rest and rehabilitation.

His world ranking average when he arrived at Firestone is higher than where Woods is now. Still, Westwood is fortunate that Woods, Mickelson or even Steve Stricker didn't take advantage of his absence during a month of strong tournaments from the U.S. PGA Championship through the FedEx Cup playoffs on the U.S. PGA Tour.

"I'm quite fortunate in that regard," Westwood said.



Europe's Lee Westwood in action during a practice round prior to the 2010 Ryder Cup golf tournament at the Celtic Manor golf course in Newport, Wales, Wednesday, Sept. 29, 2010. The tournament starts Friday Oct. 1.

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In this photo made Saturday, Sept. 25, 2010, sixth grade football teammates Reed Hoelscher (10), Alec Jordan (42), Keegan Burgess (99) and Sam Sorgen (20) stand on the side line during halftime of their game in Richardson, Texas. The teammates play with a new type of football helmet designed to reduce the risk of concussions.

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CONCUSSIONS

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There are an estimated 3 million kids ages 6 to 14 playing tackle football in the United States and longtime league administrators say the majority of players aren't

big enough and don't hit hard enough to cause serious damage.

"It's really surprising how few (concussions) we've had," said Carolyn Stewart, a coach, board member or commissioner for nearly 20

years in the Dallas-area Spring Valley Athletic Association's football leagues. "I know of more from skateboards or falling off playground equipment."

Still, at a time when the pros down to high school teams are adopting new rules about concussions, and Congress is holding hearings about the risk of permanent brain damage from poorly treated head injuries, youth football organizers realize it only makes sense to play it safe. Nobody wants to be the one who ignored the warnings.

USA Football, the sport's national governing body on the youth and amateur levels, has created a 12-minute video about concussions and made it part of a coaching certification exam. The organization also is pushing the catchphrase "when in doubt, keep them out," and has just hit TV, radio and the Internet with a

campaign called "Put pride aside for player safety," which aims to erase the notion of someone merely having his bell rung, so he should shake it off and get back in there. USA Football's reach is limited, however. It's a budding group, hoping its work on head injuries will help it gain authority—as opposed to the NFL, NCAA and National Federation of State High School Associations, which already have the power to implement changes.

Ten states have passed laws requiring a doctor's approval for youth athletes suspected of having a concussion to return to play, and NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell has urged governors of the other states to join them. Last week, Congress heard testimony on the Protecting Student Athletes from Concussions Act, which would set standards for concussion safety and management in schools.

"You've got to be tough to play football, but no one has a tough brain," said Dr. Stanley A. Herring, a member of USA Football's wellness committee who has testified many times before state and federal lawmakers.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates there are 3.8 million sports- and recreation-related concussions per year, among all ages. A 2007 CDC report estimated there are 135,000 emergency room visits per year for traumatic brain injuries among people ages 5 to 18, the majority coming from recreational sports.

Youth football organizers say their sport barely contributes to that total.

"I can probably count on one hand the number (of concussions) I've seen or that have been reported to us over the last several years," said Jim Louro, in his third season as safety officer for the Jersey Shore Pop Warner league, one of the nation's largest with about 12,000 players on 260 teams across a 90-mile region.

Louro pointed to age-weight restrictions that ensure kids are all roughly the same size. While weight ranges vary among leagues, it's typical for kids on the higher end to wear a

sticker or an X on their helmet signifying they can only be linemen; the very heaviest are restricted to offensive line.

The Las Cruces (N.M.) Bantam Weight Sports Association has those rules, and Darin Spence felt the league was safe enough for his son, Drake. Spence even teased that the fifth- and sixth-graders weren't hitting, they were "belly bumping."

Then Drake, a 70-pound quarterback, ran a sweep and was clobbered by a player weighing at least 100 pounds. He came away with a concussion and a dent above an earhole on his helmet.

Spence, the women's basketball coach at New Mexico State, had seen enough concussions to be cautious. He forced Drake to miss two weeks.

"If they whine, you've just got to be good at explaining you are doing what's best for them," Spence said.

A basic step toward preventing concussions is teaching kids proper tackling technique.

"We always tell them, 'You cannot hit with your head down,'" said Jeff Mabry, defensive coordinator for a team of 11- and 12-year-olds in the Franklin (Tenn.) Cowboys program that's featured in country star Kenny Chesney's "Boys of Fall" video.

Another basic element is equipment—making sure it's sound and worn correctly.

Even though Stewart's Dallas-area league gives players equipment she considers very safe, she's studied so much about concussions that this season she took extra precautions for her grandsons, who are old enough to play for school teams. She bought them high-tech helmets costing \$190 and \$250.

"People heard what I was doing and wanted them, too," she said. "I probably ordered 15 or 16."

Some leagues don't even provide equipment, said Sam Mutz, Pop Warner's national football commissioner. He's heard of kids using hand-me-down helmets, or ones bought off Craigslist.

For leagues that do provide equipment, the tab adds up quickly: \$21 to recondition a helmet and around \$70 for a reliable new model, Mutz said. □

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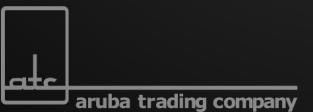
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Busch brothers hanging tough with NASCAR hopefus

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CHARLOTTE, North Carolina (AP) — The attention so far in the NASCAR title chase has been on the drivers at the top — leader Denny Hamlin and four-time defending champion Jimmie Johnson — and the controversy surrounding Clint Bowyer's illegal car in the opening race.

Somewhat unnoticed has been the work of brothers Kyle and Kurt Busch, who are quietly holding down the third and fourth spots in the Chase for the championship standings. As NASCAR heads into Kansas Speedway for Round 3 of its title-deciding series, Kyle Busch is 45 points behind Joe Gibbs Racing teammate Hamlin in the standings. Kurt Busch, winner of the inaugural 2004 Chase, is 59 points back.

With both drivers in striking distance of the points lead, there's certainly the potential for the championship race to turn into a battle between the Busch brothers.

"I think the chance for me and Kyle to race for the championship has its best position in years," Kurt Busch said. "Neither one of us would shy away from that challenge."

The brothers have both advanced through the first two Chase races with little fanfare.

Kyle Busch's big moment came in the opener at New Hampshire, where he came close to unraveling in the car as his Toyota tailed off midway through the race.

Crew chief Dave Rogers immediately barked back, warning him how bad the day would get if he lost his head. "Cool. Well ... darn," the seemingly flabbergasted driver replied.

He wound up with a ninth-place finish that kept Hamlin in sight in the standings. Then came last Sunday at Dover, where many believed Kyle Busch would defend his May victory.

He contended briefly, leading 46 late laps, but faded to a sixth-place finish. Busch had mixed feelings about the performance.

"It was a good day for us, but man, legitimately we had a second-place car," he said, quickly doing the math and believing he's got to be better to overcome that ninth-place finish in the opener.

"The average is going to be a sixth (for the champion), but with our ninth, that doesn't quite give us what we want. We were hoping for a second or third."

Kurt Busch also had his share of tense moments through the first two races.

NASCAR penalized his Penske Racing team at New Hampshire after his crew was caught with an extra set of tires on qualifying day. It cost the team the first 15 minutes of practice the next day, and Busch struggled to a 13th-place finish while trying to milk a better finish out of just an OK car.

He was better at Dover on Sunday, but had his own near-meltdown after a pit-road speeding penalty dropped him to 19th halfway through the race.

"I was like a kid playing with matches and got burned," he said. "We're about 50 points



This May 7, 2010 file photo shows Kyle Busch, left, and Kurt Busch being interviewed during practice for a NASCAR Sprint Cup Series auto race in Darlington, S.C. Lost in all the attention so far in the Chase for the Sprint Cup championship is the brothers Busch. Kyle is ranked third in the standings, Kurt is ranked fourth, and many are wondering if this could shape-up into a showdown between them.

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behind where we should be. The driver has thrown away 50 points in two races."

The Busch brothers will have to improve to keep pace with Hamlin and Johnson this Sunday at Kansas.

Hamlin has so far delivered,

finishing second at New Hampshire and following up with a ninth at Dover, his worst track of the 10 Chase venues.

He vowed this week that he'll have a top-five car at Kansas. Johnson, meanwhile, bounced

back from an uncharacteristic 25th-place finish at New Hampshire to earn his sixth-career victory at Dover.

His average finish at Kansas is 10th, and he won the Chase race there in 2008. □



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Nadal breezes into Thailand Open quarters



Rafael Nadal of Spain returns a shot to Ruben Bemelmans of Belgium during their second round match at the PTT Thailand Open tennis tournament in Bangkok, Thailand Thursday, Sept. 30, 2010. Nadal beat Bemelmans 6-1, 6-4.

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NONTHABURI, Thailand (AP) — main business in Thailand — playing Rafael Nadal finally got on with his tennis — and dispatched Belgian

qualifier Ruben Bemelmans 6-1, 6-4 on Thursday in his first match since winning the U.S. Open. Making his Thailand Open debut after a first-round bye, top-ranked Nadal wasn't troubled. He lost only eight points on serve.

Nadal has been treated like a royal since he arrived in Thailand nine days ago, receiving a hero's welcome from government and sports officials when he landed in Bangkok.

He holidayed in the beach town of Hua Hin, where he took part in a religious ceremony with Buddhist monks and planted a tree in King Bhumibol Adulyadej's campaign against global warming.

Back in Bangkok he delayed a visit with Prime Minister Abhisit Vejjajiva and Parliament so he could practice. He showed no rust more than two weeks after completing the career Grand Slam in New York.

In Friday's quarterfinals, Nadal will meet either another Belgian, Olivier Rochus, who spoiled Juan Martin del Potro's comeback, or Mikhail

Kukushkin of Kazakhstan. Second-seeded Fernando Verdasco of Spain, who accepted a wild card to play in Thailand, crashed out in his opening match in the second round after Benjamin Becker of Germany beat him 6-4, 6-4.

A sluggish Verdasco quickly fell behind 4-0. He rallied back but the more disciplined Becker won the set 6-4.

Verdasco dropped the ninth game of the second on a double fault, and Becker served well to set up match point at 40-30, closing it out with an impressive volley.

"It was tough. I was practicing well but the match was different. He played yesterday one match and got more rhythm," Verdasco said. "He played better than me. He adapted better than me, he served well and didn't make many unforced errors. He deserved the victory more than me."

Earlier, seventh-seeded Viktor Troicki of Serbia — last year's finalist — also was ousted by Jarkko Nieminen of Finland 7-6 (4), 6-2. □



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Rangers score from 1st on K to beat Mariners 6-5

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Mitch Moreland raced home from first base with the winning run after a wild pitch and a throwing error on a strikeout with two outs in the ninth inning, lifting AL West champion Texas to a 6-5 victory over last-place Seattle on Wednesday.

AL Roundup Moreland reached on a two-out walk in the ninth off Dan Cortes (0-1). Pinch-hitter Nelson Cruz struck out, but reached on a wild pitch that bounced past catcher Guillermo Quiroz. Quiroz retrieved the ball, but threw wildly into right field trying to get Cruz at first. Moreland never stopped running and beat the throw home by right fielder Ichiro Suzuki.

Neftali Feliz (4-3), the third Rangers reliever, struck out one in a perfect ninth.

The Rangers scored three runs in the eighth to level the game at 5-all, scoring on a bases-

loaded walk and another wild pitch by Cortes.

At Anaheim, Torii Hunter's two-out single drove home Jeff Mathis in the 11th inning and Los Angeles swept Oakland. Los Angeles failed to score with the bases loaded and one out in both the ninth and 10th innings. Mathis and Howie Kendrick singled in the 11th against Brad Ziegler (3-7). Hunter lined a hit to center, ending a disappointing season at Angel Stadium with a fireworks celebration for the dethroned AL West champions.

Kendrick had three hits for the Angels, who will miss the postseason for the first time since 2006. Their three-year reign atop the division officially ended last weekend when the Texas Rangers clinched the title in Oakland. Bobby Cassevah (1-2) pitched two scoreless innings in relief to earn his first major league victory.

At Toronto, Aaron Hill hit a three-run homer, John Buck and Travis Snider added solo drives and Toronto gave retiring manager Cito Gaston a winning send-off in his home finale.

The Yankees remained a half-game behind Tampa Bay in the AL East race. The Rays lost 2-0 to Baltimore.

Alex Rodriguez homered for the Yankees, giving him 13 straight years with 30 home runs and 100 RBIs.

Toronto leads baseball with 247 home runs, the fifth-highest season total in major league history. Seattle hit a record 264 in 1997.

Hill drove in four runs as the Blue Jays won for the sixth time in seven games.

The Yankees, already assured a playoff spot, saw Javier Vazquez (10-10) get tagged for seven runs and 10 hits in 4 2-3 innings.

At St. Petersburg, Kevin Millwood allowed two hits



Seattle Mariners catcher Guillermo Quiroz, right, walks away as Texas Rangers' Mitch Moreland, center, celebrates after scoring the game-winning run in the ninth inning of a baseball game in Arlington, Texas, on Wednesday, Sept. 29, 2010. Moreland raced home from first base with the winning run after a wild pitch and a throwing error by Quiroz on a strikeout with two outs in the ninth inning, lifting the AL West champion Rangers over the last-place Mariners 6-5 Wednesday.

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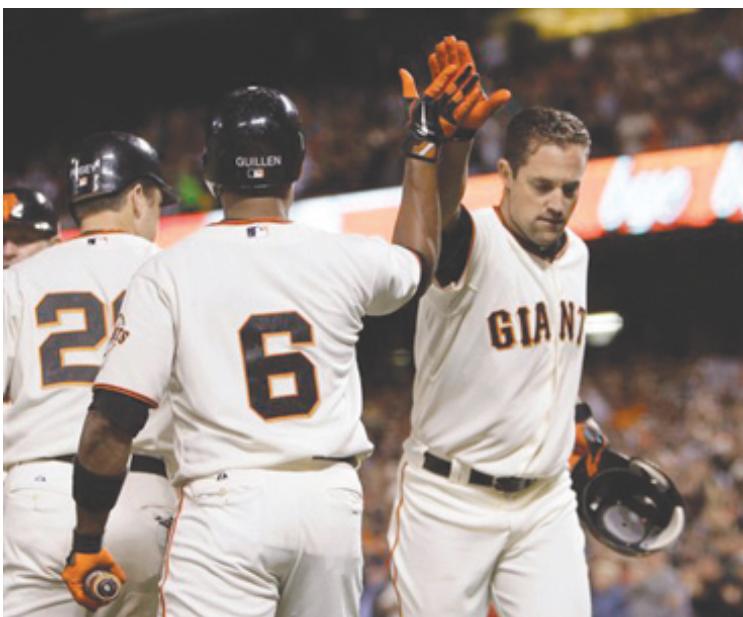
over seven innings and Felix Pie hit a two-run triple for Baltimore before a capacity crowd of 36,973.

The Rays gave away 20,000 tickets for the regular-season home finale.

Tampa Bay clinched its second playoff berth in three years before 17,891 on Tuesday night. Monday night's potential clincher drew 12,446, a number that moved

stars Evan Longoria and David Price to complain about a lack of fan support.

In other AL games it was Texas 6, Seattle 5; L.A. Angels 2, Oakland 1, 11 innings; Cleveland 4, Detroit 0, 1st game; Cleveland 4, Detroit 3, 2nd game; Chicago Toronto 8, N.Y. Yankees 4; Baltimore 2, Tampa Bay 0; White Sox 5, Boston 2; and Minnesota 4, Kansas City 2. □



San Francisco Giants' Pat Burrell, right, is greeted by teammates Buster Posey, left, and Jose Guillen, center, after hitting a three-run home run to left field off Arizona Diamondbacks starting pitcher Ian Kennedy during the fourth inning of a baseball game in San Francisco, Wednesday, Sept. 29, 2010.

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SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Pat Burrell hit a three-run homer as the first-place San Francisco Giants remained two games ahead of San Diego in the NL West with a 3-1 victory over the Arizona Diamondbacks on Wednesday night.

AL Roundup The Padres beat the Chicago Cubs 3-0 at

home. San Francisco lowered its magic number to three to clinch the club's first division title and playoff spot since 2003. The Giants and Padres close the season with a three-game series at AT&T Park starting Friday night.

With the Giants trailing 1-0, Burrell connected in the fourth with a drive into the left-field

Giants beat D-backs 3-1, remain 2 up on San Diego

seats off Ian Kennedy (9-10). Tim Lincecum (16-10) struck out 11 in seven innings, the 26th time in his career he's reached double digits for strikeouts. It was the seventh time this year, which matches Milwaukee's Yovani Gallardo for most in the NL.

At Atlanta, the Braves moved closer to their first playoff berth since 2005, completing a three-game sweep of Florida behind Derek Lowe's fifth win of September and Brooks Conrad's three-run homer.

Atlanta (90-69) reached 90 wins for the 15th time in 25 years under the 69-year-old Cox, who is retiring after the season. The Braves won 14 straight division titles under Cox but have missed out on the playoffs for four straight seasons.

Atlanta closes at home against NL East champion Philadelphia with a three-

game series starting Friday night.

Pitching on three days' rest, Lowe (16-12) gave up one run and seven hits in 5 2-3 innings and struck out nine. He is 5-0 with a 1.17 ERA this month with 29 strikeouts and three walks in 30 2-3 innings, and his 16 wins matched Tim Hudson for the team high.

At San Diego, Chris Young (2-0) and four relievers combined on a four-hitter and the San Diego Padres showed some life in the waning days of the playoff race to remain 1 1/2 games behind Atlanta in the NL wild-card race.

San Diego remained two games behind first-place San Francisco in the NL West. The Padres won for just the 12th time in 33 games since Aug. 25, when they had a 6 1/2-game lead over the Giants.

At Denver, Matt Kemp hit a grand slam as Los Angeles

edged Colorado to complete a three-game sweep.

A day after eliminating the Rockies from postseason contention, Los Angeles sent them to their fourth straight loss.

Colorado went 1-5 on its final homestand, part of a stretch in which it lost nine of 10 overall. The Rockies finished 52-29 at Coors Field this season, but faded in the races for the NL West and wild card.

Kemp's slam capped a five-run third inning against Jhoulys Chacin (9-11).

In other NL games it was St. Louis 4, Pittsburgh 1; L.A. Dodgers 7, Colorado 6; Milwaukee 8, N.Y. Mets 7, 1st game; Milwaukee 3, N.Y. Mets 1, 2nd game; Atlanta 5, Florida 1; Philadelphia 7, Washington 1; Houston 2, Cincinnati 0; San Diego 3, Chicago Cubs 0; and San Francisco 3, Arizona 1. □

Messi receives Golden Boot as top European scorer



In this image released by the magazine *Don Balon*, FC Barcelona's Lionel Messi poses with the Bota de Oro (Golden Boot) trophy awarded to him as top scorer of all European Leagues, at a ceremony in Barcelona, Spain, Thursday, Sept. 30, 2010.

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CONTADOR

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Other cycling greats to have been besmirched over the last two decades include the late Marco Pantani, Alejandro Valverde, Bjarne Riis — Contador's new team boss — Jan Ullrich and Ivan Basso to name a few.

Now Contador, who many have predicted may surpass Armstrong's record of seven Tour titles, is under suspicion as well.

The UCI said the 27-year-old rider has been provisionally suspended because of the test, which was analyzed by a World Anti-Doping Agency lab in Germany. Contador went public with the positive test himself early Thursday, and the UCI issued a statement hours later to confirm the case.

Contador said he learned of the result on Aug. 24 and met with UCI doctors two days later.

"On the 26th we talked at length about how all this had happened. The UCI itself told me to my face that it was a case of food contamination," Contador said.

The Spaniard said he decided to go public because a German television station was aware of the case, but said it would have been better for cycling's image if it could have been

handled internally. He called his suspension by the UCI "a true mistake."

"This is going to be resolved in a clear way," Contador added. "With the truth behind you, you can speak loud and clear and I am confident justice will prevail."

He added: "The idea of anyone questioning my Tour victory does not worry me. I am not going to let something like this destroy everything I've done."

As Contador spoke, the UCI announced that two other Spanish riders had failed drug tests during the Spanish Vuelta in September.

Spanish cycling has been under the spotlight since 2006 when police seized fridges of blood bags and stashes of steroids and hormones. Investigators filmed athletes, including many cyclists, arriving at a Madrid apartment apparently to have blood extracted or to pick up performance-enhancing drugs.

To date there have been no charges or convictions as a result of the probe, dubbed Operation Puerto.

Cycling authorities have invested millions of dollars in recent years to build up what is widely regarded as one of the most stringent anti-doping regimes anywhere, hoping

JOSEPH WILSON

Associated Press Writer

BARCELONA, Spain (AP) — Lionel Messi was presented with the Golden Boot award on Thursday for being the top scorer across the domestic leagues in Europe last season. The Argentina forward received the prize for having accumulated 34 goals to help Barcelona retain its Spanish league title.

"All awards are special, but it is thanks to the help of my teammates that I have won," Messi said. "I just try to play well and do the things as best I can for my team and my coach."

Messi now joins Marco van Basten, Ronaldo and Cristiano Ronaldo as the only players to have won all three major individual awards: the Golden Boot, FIFA World Player of the Year and the Golden Ball, given to the European footballer of the year.

Chelsea forward Didier Drogba and Udinese striker Antonio di Natale were tied for second place with 29 goals each.

The prize comes after a lackluster Messi had failed to score a single goal at the World Cup

in South Africa. Even so, former Argentina coach Diego Maradona said Wednesday that Messi deserved the award and hoped he would "win many more."

Messi is the second Barcelona player to be honored by European Sports Magazine. Ronaldo earned the club's first Golden Boot by also scoring 34 goals, in the 1996-97 season.

Barcelona captain Carles Puyol applauded Messi's ability and character.

"He is the best in the world, but he is humble. He improves everyday," Puyol said before the awards ceremony. "He is the best player in the world and he demonstrated that he deserves this award."

Uruguay striker Luis Suarez scored 35 goals last season for Ajax in the Netherlands, but failed to win due to the points system that compensates for the degree of difficulty posed by the major European leagues (English, French, German, Italian and Spanish).

So far this season, Messi has scored two goals in three games in the Spanish league. □



Cyclist Alberto Contador of Spain takes his seat to give a press conference in Pinto on the outskirts of Madrid, Thursday Sept. 30, 2010. Three-time Tour de France champion Alberto Contador tested positive for a banned drug while winning this year's race and has been suspended by cycling's governing body.

they were finally getting the better of riders who had for so long made a mockery of the sport and sullied the Tour, its showpiece.

Contador was seen as representing a break from cycling's dirty past.

The Spaniard recounted how his team chef had asked a Spanish cycling organizer, Jose Luis Lopez Cerron, to bring some beef to France because meat at the hotel where the riders were staying was of poor quality.

Cerron told Spanish radio he

bought filet mignon in the Spanish border town of Irún on his way to Pau, France, to watch a few tour stages.

Contador said he and four other Astana teammates ate the beef on July 20 and that he was the only one who underwent a doping test on July 21. He ate more of the meat on July 21, explaining that although

it wasn't normal to eat steak a day before racing as it tends to add weight, the fillet was so good it would have been a shame to waste it.

He said the meat had to be

cooked on the team bus because they were not allowed to cook in the hotel.

The only other team rider tested July 21 was Alexander Vinokourov, but he had eaten hotel steak, not the Spanish cut.

Vinokourov was banned for a year for blood doping during the 2007 Tour.

Clenbuterol has been used for years by bodybuilders to increase their muscle mass and reduce fat. It is also thought to help the body burn more fat, giving athletes more energy. □

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HEALTH

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Kids with ADHD more likely to have missing DNA

By MARIA CHENG,
AP Medical Writer

LONDON — Children with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder are twice as likely to have missing or extra chromosomes than other children — the first evidence that the disorder is genetic, a new study says.

British researchers compared the genomes of 366 white British children from 5 to 17 years old with attention deficit hyperactivity, or ADHD, to those of more than 1,000 similar children without the disorder. The scientists focused on a sequence of genes linked to brain development that has previously been connected to conditions like autism and schizophrenia.

In children without ADHD, about 7 percent of them had deleted or doubled chromosomes in the analyzed gene sequence. But among children with the disorder, researchers discovered about 14 percent had such genetic alterations. Scientists also found that 36 percent

of children with learning disabilities in the study had the chromosomal abnormalities. "This is the first time we've found that children with ADHD have chunks of DNA that are either duplicated or missing," said Anita Thapar, a professor at the MRC Centre in Neuropsychiatric Genetics and Genomics at Cardiff University who was one of the study's authors.

She said the findings are too early to affect diagnosis or treatment and are only applicable to people of European Caucasian descent because studies have not been done yet on other ethnicities. The condition is estimated to affect millions of children around the world, and scientists have long thought the disorder has a genetic component.

U.S. experts estimate that ADHD affects from three to five percent of school-age children in the United States. There are no figures for developing nations.

The study was paid for by Action Research, Baily

Thomas Charitable Trust, the Wellcome Trust, Britain's Medical Research Council and the European Union. It was published online Wednesday in the medical journal Lancet. Peter Burbach, a professor of molecular neuroscience at University Medical Center Utrecht in the Netherlands, was surprised some of the genetic defects found for ADHD were identical to ones for autism and schizophrenia. He was not connected to the Lancet research.

"There's a great chance the environment is modifying these genes," Burbach said, adding the genes could lead to several brain disorders, depending on things like the child's upbringing and other genetic factors.

He also thought scientists might eventually be able to reverse ADHD.

"This is not a structural abnormality in the brain, it's just the last phase of development that's gone wrong," he said. "It could be the brain just needs to be fine-



Attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) is not due to bad parenting or too much sugar in the diet but heredity, a new study has found. Children with ADHD find it difficult to focus and can be disruptive and uncontrollable both at home and at school.

tuned."

Philip Asherson, a professor of molecular psychiatry at the Institute of Psychiatry at King's College London, said the study only dealt with a subset of people with ADHD and said the environment should still be considered a cause.

In the case of some Romanian orphans, Asherson said there was proof that severe deprivation at an early age can lead to ADHD or other

neurological problems.

Asherson said the medical world was still years away from being able to correct ADHD.

"The study doesn't tell us a lot about what's going on in the brains of people with ADHD," he said. "If we can find out more about these genes and how they affect brain development, that may give us inroads, but it's hard to say when that will be." □

New mammogram study stirs debate for women in 40s

By MARILYNN MARCHIONE,
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A new study from Sweden is stirring fresh debate over whether women in their 40s should get mammograms. It suggests that the breast cancer screening test can lower the risk of dying of the disease by 26 percent or more in this age group.

That's a bigger benefit than was found by earlier studies, which a year ago led an influential panel of U.S. science advisers to recommend against routine screening before age 50. The panel said the benefits were so small and potential problems from screening so great that the decision should be left to each woman and her doctor.

That advice set off cries of outrage from many cancer screening advocates and even from members of Congress. But since then, there have been other studies supporting the task force's stance. And just last week, another study in Norway found that the benefit of mammograms even for women 50 and older is less than has been believed.

The new study has major limitations, and cannot account for possibly big differences in the groups of

women it compares. Nor does it consider the harm — such as unnecessary stress, unwarranted biopsies and overtreatment — of screening women in their 40s. Breast cancer is less common in that age group, so mammograms can raise many false alarms.

However, the new Swedish study appears to be the largest of this age group — about 1 million women. And "it captures the real-world experience" they have from regular mammograms, said Dr. Jennifer Obel, a spokeswoman for the American Society of Clinical Oncology.

The Swedish researchers estimate that 1,252 women in their 40s would have to be offered screening every other year for 10 years to save one life.

Results of the new study were reported in a teleconference on Wednesday and will be presented at a cancer conference in Washington later this week. They also were published online by the journal Cancer.

Advocates of mammograms for younger women praised the study.

"It's just one piece of evidence supporting the fact that screening women in their 40s does save lives,"

said the American Cancer Society's chief medical officer, Dr. Otis Brawley. "We believe that women in their 40s should be screened, but we also believe that women should be informed of the limitations of mammography."

About 5,100 of the roughly 40,000 breast cancer deaths each year in the U.S. are in women under age 50, but many women who die at older ages were diagnosed at younger ages, according to the cancer society.

"If we screened all 22 million American women who are aged 40 to 49 this year, this study suggests it would translate to 2,000 to 2,200 lives saved," Brawley said.

Dr. Daniel Kopans, a radiology professor at Harvard Medical School and an American College of Radiology spokesman, said the study "should end any debate and end the use of age 50 as a threshold for screening."

But others were unconvinced and stood by the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force. That panel last fall recommended against routine screening for women in their 40s. □

Actor Tony Curtis dies at Las Vegas-area home



FILE - In an April 22, 2010 file photo Tony Curtis arrives at the premiere of the newly restored feature film 'A Star Is Born' in Los Angeles. Curtis had died at 85 according to the Clark County, Nev. coroner.

(AP Photo/Dan Steinberg/file)

By KEN RITTER,
Associated Press Writer

HENDERSON, Nev. — Tony Curtis shaped himself from a 1950s movie heartthrob into a respected actor, showing a determined streak that served him well in such films as "Sweet Smell of Success," "The Defiant Ones" and "Some Like It Hot."

The Oscar-nominated actor died Wednesday evening at age 85 of cardiac arrest at his home in the Las Vegas-area city of Henderson, Clark County Coroner Mike Murphy said Thursday. Curtis began in acting with frivolous movies that exploited his handsome physique and appealing personality, but then steadily moved to more substantial roles, starting in 1957 in the harrowing show business tale "Sweet Smell of Success."

In 1958, "The Defiant Ones" brought him an Academy Award nomination as best actor for his portrayal of a white racist who escaped from prison handcuffed to a black man, Sidney Poitier. The following year, he donned women's clothing and sparred with Marilyn Monroe in one of the most acclaimed film comedies ever, Billy Wilder's "Some Like It Hot."

His first wife was actress Janet Leigh of "Psycho" fame;

actress Jamie Lee Curtis is their daughter.

"My father leaves behind a legacy of great performances in movies and in his paintings and assemblages," Jamie Lee Curtis said in a statement Thursday. "He leaves behind children and their families who loved him and respected him and a wife and in-laws who were devoted to him. He also leaves behind fans all over the world."

Curtis struggled against drug and alcohol abuse as starring roles became fewer, but then bounced back in film and television as a character actor. His brash optimism returned, and he allowed his once-shiny black hair to turn silver.

Again he came back after even those opportunities began to wane, reinventing himself as a writer and painter whose canvases sold for as much as \$20,000.

"I'm not ready to settle down like an elderly Jewish gentleman, sitting on a bench and leaning on a cane," he said at 60. "I've got a helluva lot of living to do."

"He was a fine actor ... I shall miss him," said British actor Roger Moore, who starred alongside Curtis in TV's "The Persuaders."

"He was great fun to work with, a great sense of humor and

wonderful ad libs," Moore told Sky News. "We had the best of times."

Actress and activist Marlo Thomas said she was saddened that Curtis' death so closely followed the Sept. 22 death in Berkeley, Calif., of Eddie Fisher, a superstar singer of the 1950s who was married to Debbie Reynolds and then to Elizabeth Taylor. Fisher was 82.

"Tony Curtis and Eddie Fisher in the same week. It's very sad," said Thomas, who starred in the late-1960s sitcom "That Girl" and won Emmy, Golden Globe, Grammy and Peabody awards. Thomas was in New York on Thursday promoting her book, "Growing up Laughing."

"He was funny, so very funny, very talented and a great spirit," Thomas said of Curtis. "I found him to be a darling guy."

Curtis perfected his craft in forgettable films such as "Francis," "I Was a Shoplifter," "No Room for the Groom" and "Son of Ali Baba."

He first attracted critical notice as Sidney Falco, the press agent seeking favor with a sadistic columnist, played by Burt Lancaster, in the 1957 classic "Sweet Smell of Success."

In her book "Kiss Kiss Bang Bang," Pauline Kael wrote that in the film, "Curtis grew up into an actor and gave the best performance of his career."

Other prestigious films followed: Stanley Kubrick's "Spartacus," "Captain Newman, M.D.," "The Vikings," "Kings Go Forth," "Operation Petticoat" and "Some Like It Hot." He also found time to do a voice acting gig as his prehistoric lookalike, Stony Curtis, in an episode of "The Flintstones."

"The Defiant Ones" remained his only Oscar-nominated role. "I think it has nothing to do with good performances or bad performances," he told The Washington Post in 2002. "After the number of movies I made where I thought there should be some acknowledgment, there was nothing from the Academy."

"My happiness and privilege is that my audience around the world is supportive of me, so I don't need the Academy."

In 2000, an American Film Institute survey of the funniest films in history ranked "Some Like It Hot" at No. 1. Curtis — famously imitating Cary Grant's accent — and Jack Lemmon play jazz musicians who dress up as women to escape

retribution after witnessing a gangland massacre.

Monroe was their co-star, and he and Lemmon were repeatedly kept waiting as Monroe lingered in her dressing room out of fear and insecurity. Curtis fumed over her unprofessionalism. When someone remarked that it must be thrilling to kiss Monroe in the film's love scenes, the actor snapped, "It's like kissing Hitler." In later years, his opinion of Monroe softened, and in interviews he praised her unique talent.

In 2002, Curtis toured in "Some Like It Hot" — a revised and retitled version of the 1972 Broadway musical "Sugar," which was based on the film.

In the touring show, the actor graduated to the role of Osgood Fielding III, the part played in the movie by Joe E. Brown.

After his star faded in the late 1960s, Curtis shifted to lesser roles. With jobs harder to find, he fell into drug and alcohol addiction.

"From 22 to about 37, I was lucky," Curtis told Interview magazine in the 1980s, "but by the middle '60s, I wasn't getting the kind of parts I wanted, and it kind of soured me. ... But I had to go through the drug inundation before I was able to come to grips with it and realize that it had nothing to do with me, that people weren't picking on me."

He recovered in the early '80s after a 30-day treatment at the Betty Ford Center in Rancho Mirage, Calif.

"Mine was a textbook case," he said in a 1985 interview. "My life had become unmanageable because of booze and dope. Work became a strain and a struggle. Because I didn't want to face the challenge, I simply made myself unavailable."

One role during that era of struggle did bring him an Emmy nomination: his portrayal of David O. Selznick in the TV movie "The Scarlett O'Hara War," in 1980.

He remained vigorous following heart bypass surgery in 1994, although his health had declined in recent years.

In a 2007 interview with the Las Vegas Sun, he described his frustration during a lengthy hospitalization for a bout with pneumonia in 2006.

The Las Vegas Review-Journal reported he was hospitalized several times in more recent years in Henderson and New York with breathing trouble, including once in July.

Curtis took a fatherly pride in daughter Jamie's success. They were estranged for a long period, then reconciled. "I understand him better now," she said, "perhaps not as a father but as a man."

He also had five other children. Daughters Kelly, also with Leigh, and Allegra, with second wife Christine Kaufmann, also became actresses. His other wives were Leslie Allen, Lisa Deutsch and Jill VandenBerg, whom he married in 1998.

He had married Janet Leigh in 1951, when they were both rising young stars; they divorced in 1963.

"Tony and I had a wonderful time together; it was an exciting, glamorous period in Hollywood," Leigh, who died in 2004, once said. "A lot of great things happened, most of all, two beautiful children."

Curtis was born Bernard Schwartz in the Bronx in 1925, the son of Hungarian Jews who had emigrated to the United States after World War I. His father, Manny Schwartz, had yearned to be an actor, but work was hard to find with his heavy accent. He settled for tailoring jobs, moving the family repeatedly as he sought work.

"I was always the new kid on the block, so I got beat up by the other kids," Curtis recalled in 1959. "I had to figure a way to avoid getting my nose broken. So I became the crazy new kid on the block."

His sidewalk histrionics helped avoid beatings and led to acting in plays at a settlement house. He also grew to love movies. "My whole culture as a boy was movies," he said. "For 11 cents, you could sit in the front row of a theater for 10 hours, which I did constantly."

After serving in the Pacific during World War II and being wounded at Guam, he returned to New York and studied acting under the G.I. Bill. He appeared in summer stock theater and on the Borscht Circuit in the Catskills. Then an agent lined up an audition with a Universal-International talent scout. In 1948, at 23, he signed a seven-year contract with the studio, starting at \$100 a week.

Bernie Schwartz sounded too Jewish for a movie actor, so the studio gave him a new name: Anthony Curtis, taken from his favorite novel, "Anthony Adverse," and the Anglicized name of a favorite uncle. After his eighth film, he became Tony Curtis. □

BUSINESS

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Bernanke, others working together on overhaulBy MARCY GORDON,
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WASHINGTON — Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke and other top regulators said Thursday their agencies are working vigorously to put into effect the sweeping overhaul of U.S. financial rules and are closely coordinating with each other. Bernanke said the Federal Reserve is working with the Treasury Department to develop ways for regulators to best detect financial dangers that could damage the economy. "It is essential that the (overhaul law) be carried out expeditiously and effectively," Bernanke testified at a hearing of the Senate Banking Committee. Deputy Treasury Secretary Neal Wolin said, "We are moving as quickly and as carefully as we can."

The regulators said they will collaborate in the Financial

Stability Oversight Council, a powerful assembly created by the new law and headed by Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner. The council, which has its first meeting on Friday, is charged with keeping watch over the entire financial system.

At the same time, Bernanke, Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. Chairman Sheila Bair and other regulators affirmed the importance of their independence and the value of having divergent views within the council. Unlike the Treasury Department, which is part of the Obama administration, the others are independent regulatory agencies.

"Coordination's going to be extremely important," Bernanke said. But he also said that independence "is very important for a lot of good reasons," such as providing "multiple sets of eyes."

Bair said "there will be differences." Mary Schapiro, chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission, said the regulators already have had "lots of rigorous debate behind the scenes" on several issues.

The new law, enacted in July, toughens government oversight of Wall Street and banks, provides stronger protections for consumers and gives the Fed and other regulators new powers to restrain risky financial practices. It's aimed at preventing another financial crisis like the one that struck with force two years ago and plunged the country into a deep recession.

The agencies are charged with writing scores of new rules to put meat on the bones of the overhaul law. As sweeping as the law is, Congress left much of the substance of the new rules to the discretion of regulators. The rule writing,



Deputy Treasury Secretary Neal Wolin, left, and Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke, prepare to leave Capitol Hill in Washington, Thursday, Sept. 30, 2010, at the conclusion of a Senate Banking Committee hearing on implementing the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act.

(AP Photo/Manuel Balce Ceneta)

just under way, already has drawn intense lobbying from financial industry interests.

Bernanke also said the Fed is helping Treasury identify companies that are so big and so interconnected that their failure could take down the entire financial system.

Those companies — which

are likely to include Wall Street firms, big hedge funds and insurance companies — would be subject to tougher regulations.

The law includes a process for shutting big, complex financial companies using money from investors and loans from Treasury. □

Stocks pull back as investors take profits

technology companies like Apple Inc., Dell Inc. and Google Inc. were all down about 1 percent.

"You can't underestimate people taking profits," said T.C. Robillard Jr., a managing director at investment bank Signal Hill. Robillard said that like most reports throughout the month, Thursday's batch of data only confirmed that the economy is growing very slowly.

Major indexes have been surging all month on signs of incremental improvement in the economy, which have allayed worries that the country would fall back into recession.

Traders were initially upbeat Thursday after a reading on regional manufacturing in the Chicago area jumped in September. Economists had expected the Chicago Purchasing Managers Index to fall slightly. That regional

manufacturing report bodes well heading into Friday's monthly report on national manufacturing activity from the Institute for Supply Management.

"The jump in Chicago PMI was nothing short of shocking," said Nick Kalivas, vice president of financial research at MF Global. "It was complemented by the drop in (unemployment) claims."

The Labor Department said Thursday that first-time claims for unemployment benefits

fell more than economists had predicted last week. Applications are still at levels that indicate employers aren't necessarily ramping up hiring, but at least the pace of firings seems to be slowing.

The government also slightly raised its estimate on second-quarter gross domestic product, the broadest measure of the nation's economic activity. The government said GDP

grew at 1.7 percent pace in the second quarter, better than the 1.6 percent pace estimated a month ago.

U.S. economic growth isn't expected to pick up much because consumers have cut back on spending while unemployment remains high. Businesses have kept activity in check because of uncertainty surrounding potential tax changes and costs associated with recently passed health care and financial regulatory reforms.

The Dow fell 37.62, or 0.4 percent, to 10,797.66 in afternoon trading. The Dow had risen 113 in the opening minutes of trading before pulling back.

Brett D'Arcy, chief investment officer at CBIZ Wealth Management Group, said traders might have also pulled back because the Dow was approaching the psychological barrier of 11,000. □



The Wall Street sign is seen outside the New York Stock Exchange.

By STEPHEN BERNARD,
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK — Stocks retreated Thursday as investors decided to lock in profits at the end of a historically strong month. Indexes rose sharply just after the market opened following news that unemployment claims dropped and manufacturing activity in the Chicago area rose. But since the initial burst of buying,

traders decided it was a good time to pocket profits.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell about 38 points in afternoon trading. Even with the pullback Thursday, the Dow has risen 7.8 percent this month, putting it in line for its best September since 1939. Technology shares, which have been among the best performers this month, were leading the pullback. Major

Intel to invest in S.Korea wireless broadband venture



Sriram Viswanathan (L), vice president of Intel's Architecture Group, and South Korea's KT chairman Lee Suk-Chae (R) pose with an Intel-made wireless multi-band network adapter (C) during a press conference in Seoul. The investment unit of US technology giant Intel said Thursday it would pump 20 million dollars into a South Korean wireless broadband joint venture.

SEOUL — The investment unit of US technology giant Intel said Thursday it would pump 20 million dollars into a South Korean wireless broadband joint venture.

The move is expected to accelerate wireless services in South Korea, amid growing demand for smartphones and other multifunctional devices.

The WiBro joint venture involves South Korean telecoms giant KT Corp, Samsung Electronics and Kookmin Bank Investment.

WiBro, which allows faster data transfer and a higher degree of mobility, is a version of the WiMAX technology offered by South Korean telecoms operators from 2006. Intel Capital said its money would be used to speed up deployment of leading-edge wireless broadband networks in South Korea.

The investment strengthens "our WiMAX efforts in the Asia-Pacific region, arguably the fastest-growing wireless broadband area," and specifically helps KT expand its offering, Intel Capital president Arvind Sodhani said in a statement. From Friday South Korean customers can buy laptops and netbooks with Intel's chipsets supporting WiMAX services, allowing high-speed Internet access without plug-in USB modems or wireless pocket routers.

The devices will enable users to enjoy wireless connectivity in countries and cities that also have compatible WiMAX networks.

KT plans to begin its WiBro service in five major cities and expressways and expand its coverage to 85 percent of the population by next year. □

Nokia starts shipment of N8 model, shares up 2 pct

By MATTI HUUHTANEN,
Associated Press Writer

HELSINKI — Nokia Corp. said Thursday it has begun shipments of its N8 model, a handset that aims to challenge RIM's BlackBerry and Apple's iPhone in the smart phone market.

The news pushed Nokia stock up 2 percent, to close at euro7.35 (\$10.03) on the Helsinki Stock Exchange.

Nokia said deliveries would begin immediately for pre-orders of the touch screen model, which had received "the highest amount of consumer pre-orders in Nokia history." Worldwide availability would be "in the coming weeks" and will vary by country, Nokia said.

The N8, which looks like an iPhone, features a 12-megapixel digital camera with Carl Zeiss optics and a 3.5 inch display. It is built on a new version of the Symbian software with photo uploading connections to social networks like Facebook and Twitter.

On Sept. 10, Nokia replaced its Finnish CEO Olli-Pekka

Kallasvuo with Microsoft executive Stephen Elop, a Canadian, the first time the company appointed a non-Finn at its helm.

The choice of a North American executive to lead a Finnish company was seen as reflecting the increasing dominance of U.S. and Canadian companies in the evolution of the top end mobile phone business.

Apple Inc.'s iPhone has set the standard for today's smart phones, while Research In Motion Ltd.'s BlackBerrys are the favorite of the corporate set. More recently, Google Inc.'s Android software has emerged as the choice for phone makers that want to challenge the iPhone.

Pressure had been growing on the 57-year-old Kallasvuo, who had joined the company in 1982, as markets and consumers expected something fresh and new from a company that once had the innovative edge in the industry.

That did not happen in the four years that Kallasvuo

was chief executive and he was also unsuccessful at tacking problems in the North American market — the company's worst performer — despite a pledge to make it a top priority when he was appointed CEO in 2006.

Although it is still the world leader in handset sales — with a 33 percent market share — Nokia has been slow to detect new trends, like folding clamshell models and touch screen handsets. Nokia board chairman Jorma Ollila said Thursday that he expects Elop "to bring oxygen" to Nokia.

"He will bring new vitality activity to the company," Ollila said in an interview with Finnish broadcaster YLE. "The job is very demanding and there are big projects involved. He has excellent experience in the industry and as a manager of the kind of change now facing Nokia."

Nokia, based in Espoo near Helsinki, employs 130,000 people worldwide.

Last year, it sold 432 million mobile devices. □

Dozens charged in NY in global computer virus scam

NEW YORK — Computer hackers in eastern Europe who used computer viruses to steal usernames and passwords teamed up with associates who opened bank accounts in the U.S. to snatch at least \$3 million from American bank accounts, authorities said Thursday in announcing charges against more than 60 people.

Some of the defendants were charged in court papers unsealed in U.S. District Court in Manhattan with conspiracy to commit bank fraud for the invasion of dozens of victims' accounts, according to federal and state prosecutors in New York.

In a series of criminal complaints filed in the case, the FBI said the scheme originated with information gleaned from computers through the use of a virus that could access the bank accounts of small and mid-sized businesses and municipal entities in the U.S.

The FBI said the program was known as an Internet banking Trojan, which can steal computer access data including usernames and passwords for bank accounts, email accounts and social-networking websites. The program would gain access to the computer when a victim clicked on a link or opened a file attached to a seemingly legitimate e-mail message.

Once the program was engaged, computer hackers could secretly monitor the victim's computer activity, enabling them to obtain bank account numbers, passwords and authentication information as the victim typed them into the infected computer, the FBI said.

The scheme relied on individuals who were known as "money mules" in the United States to actually steal money, the FBI said.

Agents wrote in the complaints that individuals from eastern Europe who were already present in the U.S. or who were planning to go there on student visas were recruited to open hundreds of bank accounts so that money snatched from other bank accounts using stolen passwords could be transferred there.

The mules usually kept about 8 to 10 percent of the stolen money for themselves before passing the rest along to other participants in the scheme, the FBI said.

More information was expected to be released at a news conference Thursday afternoon. □

Feeling groggy? Blame the ship's doctor

LONDON In the days when Britannia ruled the waves, Royal Navy doctors revived drowning men with tobacco smoke, treated scorpion stings with rum and advised sailors to gargle with sulphuric acid to combat scurvy.

The often eccentric medical methods used at sea in the 18th and 19th centuries are exposed in hundreds of naval surgeons' notebooks released by Britain's National Archives on Thursday. They paint a gruesome picture of life on board overcrowded ships, with sailors bitten by sharks and spiders, struck by lightning and laid low by venereal disease.

In one incident in 1802, surgeon Ben Lara, sailing the English Channel on HMS Princess Royal, was called to help a man who had fallen overboard and been under water for 12 minutes.

The sailor was stripped, wrapped in hot water bottles and "tobacco smoke was conveyed to his lungs" to revive him. After an hour, the doctor found a pulse and declared it a success.

However, a later journal says the patient fell ill again and was taken to hospital suffering from pneumonia.

PERILS OF 'GROG'

Rum emerges as the cause -- and supposed cure -- for many illnesses and injuries at sea.

One surgeon noted that "drunkenness nowadays in the navy kills more men than the sword" and that with most problems "you may trace grog as the principal cause."

A journal from a doctor on board HMS Arab in 1799-1800, making its way from Europe to the West Indies, records a lightning strike that killed three sailors.

"Our main top mast was splintered to pieces, every man on deck knocked down, many of whom cried out their leg or arm were broke from the violence of the shock," he wrote. "The most astonishing of all was that a man who was up at the main top gallant mast head remained untouched."

On the same voyage, a scorpion sting nearly paralyzed a sailor. He was revived by "application of rum to the part." Another man bitten by a tarantula received some "rum and oil."

Others were told to gargle with diluted sulphuric acid, or elixir of vitriol, in a vain attempt to beat scurvy.

One shocking entry tells of a young girl afflicted by worms on a ship carrying Irish emigrants to Quebec in 1825.

Surgeon P Power, on board the Elizabeth, said 12-year-old Ellen McCarthy had complained of stomach pain and had a "tongue foul, pulse quick, skin hot, great thirst." Her mother later brought the doctor a worm a full 87 inches long, which the child had vomited. Bruno Pappalardo, naval records specialist at the National Archives in London, said the handwritten notes, dating from 1793 to 1880, were an important source of medical history. "The journals are probably the most significant collection of records for the study of health and medicine at sea for the 19th century," he said. □

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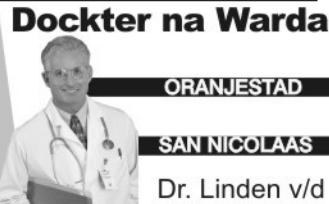
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Giant penguins with no tux? Fossil feathers say so



This undated handout photo provided by the journal Science shows Julia Clarke excavating a fossil in Peru's Paracas Reserve. Some ancient penguins may have been twice as tall as today's Emperor type but they lacked the dashing tuxedo. Researchers unearthed remains of a nearly 5-foot-tall penguin that roamed what is now Peru 36 million years ago — along with fossilized feathers that show back then, the flightless bird was a more motley mix of reddish-brown and grey.

(AP Photo/N. Adam Smith, U.T. Austin, Science)

By LAURAN NEERGAARD, Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Some ancient penguins may have been twice as big as today's Emperor penguin but they lacked the dashing tuxedo. Researchers unearthed remains of a nearly 5-foot-tall penguin that roamed what is now Peru about 36 million years ago, and they also discovered fossilized feathers that show back then, the flightless bird was a more motley mix of reddish-brown and gray.

Thursday's report in the journal Science is more than a curiosity about color. Analyzing the fossil led to a new discovery about modern penguins, which in turn

raises questions about how their feathers evolved to help them become such expert swimmers.

It's one of the largest penguins that ever lived, estimated to have been twice as heavy as the average Emperor penguin of today. The second species of giant penguin discovered in Peru, it was given the name Inkayacu paracasensis, or Water King, part of a cluster of now-extinct penguin species that apparently ranged over much of the Southern Hemisphere.

A stroke of luck helped paleontologists find the feathers. A student on the dig team, from the Museo de Historia Natural in Lima,

discovered the fossil's foot and noticed it had scales, evidence of soft tissue that's rarely preserved. Maybe there was more soft tissue, and if so, they'd have to excavate extra carefully.

"We got incredibly excited," said paleontologist Julia Clarke of the University of Texas at Austin, who led the team. "Moving really slowly, flake by flake by flake through this giant block," they eventually uncovered a flipper with layers of small feathers and under it, fossilized body feathers, too.

On the surface, they're shaped like the feathers of modern penguins. Popsicle-shaped wing feathers were densely stacked on top of each other to create a stiffened flipper, Clarke said.

When they looked more deeply, the feathers were far different. The outer shape apparently evolved before some microscopic changes that may play a role in penguin's underwater prowess.

Pigment is long gone in fossils. But left behind in feathers can be microscopic packets called melanosomes that in life contained color-producing pigments — and the shape of those melanosomes corresponds to different colors. So the researchers compared a library of melanosomes from living birds with these fossilized ones.

The big surprise is that it turns out modern penguins have large melanosomes packed into grape-like clusters, unlike those of any other known bird, while the extinct

giant penguin's smaller melanosomes resembled those of other birds, Clarke said. The scientists can't explain the difference. But they say it probably has to do with more than the black tuxedo coloration of today's penguins.

Melanin, the pigment inside melanosomes, helps feathers resist breakage. So one possibility is that the melanosomes got bigger during later penguin evolution as the birds became better underwater swimmers and needed a more hydrodynamic covering. Clarke is anxious to get back to Peru and see if more fossil finds will help tell. The work was funded by the National Science Foundation and National Geographic Society. □

Study shows progress with stem cell alternative

By MALCOLM RITTER, AP Science Writer

NEW YORK — Scientists reported more progress Thursday with a method of creating stem cells without using embryos.

The advance in cell reprogramming by researchers in Boston was praised as a more efficient way of turning skin cells into stem cells, a step toward developing new medical treatments. One expert said the new approach might be the first practical way to make such cells for creating new tissue to treat conditions like diabetes and Parkinson's disease.

In 2007, when scientists first reported they had reprogrammed skin cells into

stem cells, it was hailed as an alternative to getting stem cells from embryos, which are then destroyed. Since then, researchers have been working on fine-tuning the method. Embryonic stem cells, which have the ability to morph into any type of cell, continue to be controversial. Last month, a U.S. judge cut off federal funding for research with them. (A different court ruled Tuesday that funding could resume while legal arguments proceed.)

The reprogramming produces

what scientists call iPS cells, for induced pluripotent stem cells.

The technology first used to make them involved disrupting the DNA of the skin cells. That method would introduce a risk of cancer to any patient who got transplanted tissue derived from the iPS cells. So researchers have been developing alternate methods. The new approach is more efficient than earlier efforts and avoids tampering with DNA, said Derrick Rossi of Children's Hospital Boston and the Harvard Stem Cell Institute. He and his colleagues reported the work in a paper published online Thursday by the journal Cell Stem Cell.

Their technique treats skin cells with modified forms of RNA, a chemical cousin of DNA that normally transmits instructions from genes to the protein-making machinery of the cell. Rossi has patented the technique and formed a company to use it.

Experts unconnected with the study praised the work.

The method appears to be highly efficient, which implies the resulting iPS cells will be of good quality, said Marius Wernig, an iPS researcher at Stanford University.

It will take further work to see if the initial promise is borne out, Wernig said. □

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fantasma de un golpe de Estado en Ecuador

Ecuador, sumido en caos por protestas de fuerzas de seguridad

Presidente Correa se refugió en un hospital

QUITO (Reuters) - Ecuador quedó sumido en un caos institucional el jueves, cuando policías que protestaban contra una ley que golpea sus bolsillos agredieron al presidente Rafael Correa, quien denunció un intento de golpe de Estado y se mantenía encerrado en un hospital rodeado de manifestantes.

Efectivos de las fuerzas de seguridad salieron a las calles de Quito y Guayaquil y algunos militares tomaron un regimiento y una base en protesta contra un recorte de beneficios contemplado en una ley de austeridad que busca reducir el tamaño del aparato estatal.

Correa fue a un cuartel policial para intentar mediar y justificar la iniciativa de ley, pero fue abucheado, empujado y golpeado en medio de un tumulto. Cojeando y enfundado en una mascarilla antigases, fue llevado para ser tratado al hospital contiguo al cuartel, que fue rodeado rápidamente por policías.

El presidente acusó a los efectivos de traición, de intentar agredirlo incluso dentro del nosocomio y a la oposición política de impulsar un golpe de Estado.

“Si algo me pasa, la responsabilidad es de ellos”, declaró el mandatario de Ecuador, el socio más pequeño de la Organización de Países Exportadores de Petróleo (OPEP), a un medio local oficialista.

Ecuador, un país en donde fueron depuestos tres presidentes en los últimos 15 años, depende de su riqueza petrolera. Un portavoz de la estatal Petroecuador dijo que las operaciones eran normales pero que se incrementó la vigilancia militar en campos y refinerías.

Los precios del petróleo subieron a un máximo de siete semanas, a casi 80 dólares el barril, en el mercado de Estados Unidos, en una sesión en la cual operadores señalaron a la crisis en Ecuador como uno de los factores alcistas. Cientos de seguidores del mandatario también tomaron



Oficiales de policía de Ecuador durante una manifestación en Quito. Sep 30 2010 Ecuador quedó sumido en un caos el jueves cuando fuerzas de seguridad tomaron cuarteles y protestaron en las calles contra una ley que afecta sus bolsillos, lo que llevó al presidente Rafael Correa a denunciar un intento de golpe y movilizar tropas para poner orden. REUTERS/Guillermo Granja

las calles para brindarle apoyo y autoridades pidieron ir al “rescate” de Correa, pero cordones de policías intentaban mantenerlos a unas cuadras del hospital y lanzaron gases lacrimógenos contra ellos, según testigos de Reuters.

“El presidente está secuestrado adentro”, gritó Fernando Jaramillo, seguidor de Correa de 54 años, frente al hospital. Según un testigo, tres camiones y un tractor del Ministerio de Obras Públicas llegaron al final de la tarde hasta las inmediaciones del hospital cargando a manifestantes.

Correa, que recibió respaldo de colegas latinoamericanos, la Organización de Estados Americanos (OEA) y de representantes de Estados Unidos y Europa, declaró el estado de excepción por cinco días, que consiste en movilizar militares y policías leales para restaurar el orden en el país.

Pero los militares todavía no eran apostados en la zona del hospital. Correa ordenó que se mantuvieran al margen, dijo a la cadena CNN el vicepresidente ecuatoriano, Lenín Moreno.

El ministro de Seguridad Interna y Externa, Miguel Carvajal, confirmó dos personas heridas en Quito,

pese a versiones de medios de que había al menos una víctima.

Todos los medios de comunicación radiales y televisivos del país están transmitiendo la misma información y, aunque no hay una explicación clara del por qué en un país donde algunos organismos han cuestionado la libertad de expresión, un canal privado puso el siguiente mensaje: “cadena nacional indefinida e ininterrumpida”.

RESPALDO MILITAR

Aunque policías y soldados reclamaban en varios cuarteles del país la recuperación de beneficios económicos como el pago de bonos y condecoraciones, y suspendieron su trabajo hasta que se resuelva la situación, la cúpula militar expresó su “pleno respaldo” al presidente socialista.

Militares en desacuerdo con la ley de austeridad tomaron las pistas de la base aérea que se ubica junto al aeropuerto de Quito y algunos mostraron pancartas en las que exigían que se respete sus beneficios laborales, según testigos de Reuters.

El aeropuerto internacional

dos años. Su decisión tendría que ser avalada por la Corte Constitucional.

“Jamás cederemos ante las presiones golpistas de los grupos económicos y políticos que conspiran tras la acción de ciertos miembros de la Policía Nacional”, dijo la Presidencia de la República en un comunicado.

Mientras tanto, dos sucursales bancarias, una gasolinera y un mercado popular fueron asaltados en Guayaquil, según medios locales. En esa ciudad, la segunda en importancia del país sudamericano, muchos trabajadores fueron enviados a sus casas y las escuelas cerraron sus puertas ante la agitación.

Ante esa situación, el jefe de Estado Mayor de la Policía, Florencio Ruiz, exhortó el jueves a la fuerza que deponga la protesta contra el Gobierno.

“Entiendo los problemas de los policías, pero no estamos de acuerdo con desmanes. Pedirles a todos los compañeros que depongan estas actitudes”, dijo a periodistas.

“PELIGRO DE MUERTE”
Líderes sudamericanos y de otras partes del mundo dieron su apoyo a Correa, mientras que la Organización de Estados Americanos (OEA) celebró una reunión extraordinaria en la que emitió una resolución de apoyo a Correa.

Y los presidentes de la Unión de Naciones Suramericanas (Unasur) se alistaban a viajar a Buenos Aires para reunirse.

“Tenemos un problema (...) que es la situación que afecta al presidente Correa que está de hecho retenido en una institución médica que también es una institución policial”, dijo el secretario general de la OEA, José Miguel Insulza después de la reunión del organismo.

En Washington, la representante de Estados Unidos en la OEA indicó que su país observa con atención lo que sucede en Ecuador y manifestó su apoyo al Gobierno democrático. □



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